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# RIOTERS STORM CAPITOL

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Trump supporters try to break through a police barrier Wednesday at the Capitol in Washington.

## Pro-Trump mob occupies Capitol in bid to overturn election

**By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK and ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press

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Supporters of President Donald Trump climb the west wall of the U.S. Capitol.

WASHINGTON — A violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday and forced lawmakers into hiding, in a stunning attempt to overturn America's presidential election, undercut the nation's democracy and keep Democrat Joe Biden from replacing Trump in the White House.

The nation's elected representatives scrambled to crouch under desks and don gas masks, while police futilely tried to barricade the building, one of the most jarring scenes ever to unfold in a seat of American political power. A woman was shot and killed inside the Capitol, and Washington's mayor instituted an evening curfew in an attempt to contain the violence.

The rioters were egged on by Trump, who has spent weeks falsely attacking the integrity of the election and had urged his supporters to descend on Washington to protest Congress' formal approval of Biden's victory. Some Republican lawmakers were in the midst of raising objections to the results on his behalf when the proceedings were abruptly halted by the mob.

Together, the protests and the GOP election objections amounted to an almost unthinkable challenge to American democracy and exposed the depths of the divisions that have coursed through the country during Trump's four years in office. Though the efforts to block Biden from being sworn in on Jan. 20 were sure to fail, the support Trump has received for his efforts to overturn the election results have badly strained the nation's democratic guardrails.

Congress reconvened in the evening, lawmakers decrying the protests that defaced the Capitol and vowing to finish confirming the Electoral College vote for Biden's election, even if it took all night. Shortly before 11 p.m., senators soundly defeated, by a 93-6 vote, the first objection, to election results from Arizona that had been raised by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz.

Vice President Mike Pence, reopening the Senate, directly addressed the demonstrators: "You did not win."

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the "failed insurrection" underscored lawmakers' duty to confirm the vote. Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Congress would show the world "what America is made of" by finishing the count.

The president gave his supporters a boost into action Wednesday morning at a rally outside the White House, where he urged them to march to the Capitol. He spent much of the afternoon in his private dining room off the Oval Office watching scenes of the violence on television. At the urging of his staff, he reluctantly issued a pair of tweets and a taped video telling his supporters it was time to "go home in peace" – yet he still said he backed their cause.

Hours later, Twitter for the first time locked Trump's account, demanded that he remove tweets excusing violence and threatened "permanent suspension."

A somber President-elect Biden, two weeks away from being inaugurated, said American democracy was "under unprecedented assault," a sentiment echoed by many in Congress, including some Republicans. Former President George W. Bush said he watched the events in "disbelief and dismay."

The domed Capitol building has for centuries been the scene of protests and occasional violence. But Wednesday's events were particularly astounding both because they unfolded at least initially with the implicit blessing of the president and because of the underlying goal of overturning the results of a free and fair presidential election.

Tensions were already running high when lawmakers gathered early Wednesday

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## Upton: 'Shell-shocked by the violence'

### Area lawmakers also weigh in on historic events

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

Congressman Fred Upton has seen a lot of turmoil over his years in the nation's capital, but he has never seen anything remotely resembling what occurred Wednesday afternoon.

Upton, R-St. Joseph, was not inside the Senate chamber when violent extremists stormed the U.S. Capitol building and clashed with guards and police before occupying parts of the building and halting the process of certifying the presidential electoral count.

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Instead, due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding large gatherings, Upton was stationed in his Rayburn office watching the proceedings over C-SPAN. It was on TV where he noticed lawmakers began running for the doors, and he realized what was happening.

"It's unbelievable to think that this could ever happen here. The whole world was watching," Upton told The Herald-Palladium in a phone interview. "There were going to be a number of challengers, but at the end of the day everyone knew there was never going to be enough votes in the House or the Senate to reverse the 306-electoral vote win Biden was able to get."

From his balcony, Upton had a bird's eye view of the protests that devolved into a riot on Capitol grounds. By nightfall, there was a rainbow of police lights outside his office as a curfew was eventually put into effect.

"This is going to be part of Trump's legacy. I watched his speech on

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# Limited vaccine supply hampers Berrien County efforts

### County can't accommodate faster state timetable right now

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Just before Michigan officials announced an acceleration of the COVID-19 vaccination process on Wednesday, local health officials expressed concern about the supply of the vaccine not coming in fast enough.

"We can schedule clinics and get people scheduled, but we have to keep having vaccine coming," Courtney Davis, deputy health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), told Berrien County's Board of Health on Wednesday morning.

Soon after, the state authorized local health departments and health care systems to move forward with vaccination of Phases 1B and 1C, starting next Monday.

Those phases include people age 65 and older; frontline essential workers including police officers, first responders, frontline state and federal workers and jail and prison staff; and preK-12 teachers and child care providers.

Berrien County health

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# Warnock, Ossoff win in Georgia, handing Dems Senate control

By STEVE PEOPLES, BILL BARROW and RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

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**Jon Ossoff, left, and Raphael Warnock exchange elbow bumps during a campaign rally in Augusta, Ga., on Monday. Democrats Ossoff and Warnock are challenging incumbent Republican Senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler in a runoff election on Jan. 5.**

ATLANTA — Democrats won both Georgia Senate seats – and with them, the U.S. Senate majority – as final votes were counted Wednesday, serving President Donald Trump a stunning defeat in his turbulent final days in office while dramatically improving the fate of President-elect Joe Biden's progressive agenda.

Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, Democratic challengers who represented the diversity of their party's evolving coalition, defeated Republicans David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler two months after Biden became the first Democratic presidential candidate to carry the state since 1992.

Warnock, who served as pastor for the same Atlanta church where civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached, becomes the first African American from Georgia elected to the Senate. And Ossoff becomes the state's first Jewish senator and, at 33 years old, the Senate's youngest member.

This week's elections were expected to mark the formal finale to the tempestuous 2020 election season, although the Democrats' resounding success was overshadowed by chaos and violence in Washington, where angry Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol to stop Congress from certifying Biden's victory.

Wednesday's unprecedented siege drew fierce criticism of Trump's leadership from within his own party, and combined with the bad day in Georgia, marked one of the darkest days of his divisive presidency.

Still, the Democrats' twin victories in Georgia represented a striking shift in the state's politics as the swelling number of diverse, college-educated voters flex their power in the heart of the Deep South. They also cemented the transformation of Georgia, once a solidly Republican state, into one of the nation's premier battlegrounds for the foreseeable future.

In an emotional address early Wednesday, Warnock vowed to work for all Georgians whether they voted for him or not, citing his personal experience with the American dream. His mother, he said, used to pick "somebody else's cotton" as a teenager.

"The other day, because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton picked her youngest son to be a United States senator," he said. "Tonight, we proved with hope, hard work and the people by our side, anything is possible."

Loeffler, who remains a senator until the results of Tuesday's election are finalized, returned to Washington on Wednesday morning to join a small group of senators planning to challenge Congress' vote to certify Biden's victory. She reversed course after a violent mob stormed the Capitol, saying the "violence, the lawlessness, and siege of the halls of Congress" were a "direct attack" on the "sanctity of the American democratic process."

Georgia's other runoff election pitted Perdue, a 71-year-old former business executive who held his Senate seat until his term expired Sunday, against Ossoff, a former congressional aide and journalist.

"This campaign has been about health and jobs and justice for the people of this state – for all the people of this state," Ossoff said in a speech broadcast on social media Wednesday morning. "Whether you were for me, or against me, I'll be for you in the U.S. Senate. I will serve all the people of the state."

## LOTTERIES

**Wednesday drawings**

**Michigan**
**Classic Lotto 47**
05-08-12-28-35-44
**Midday Daily 3**
9-4-8
**Midday Daily 4**
6-3-8-9
**Daily 3**
1-5-0
**Daily 4**
1-7-2-9
**Fantasy 5**
19-20-28-30-36
**Keno**
03-05-06-11-13-25-26-28-30-32-36-37-40-42-49-59-63-65-71-72-75-78
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$490 million
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**Tuesday drawings**

**Michigan**
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**Indiana**
**Cash 5**
02-09-17-29-37
**Cash4Life**
19-29-45-51-52, Cash Ball: 2
**Quick Draw Midday**
01-02-06-14-18-19-21-27-32-33-37-44-46-47-49-52-53-65-67-74, BE: 27
**Daily Three-Midday**
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**Daily Three-Evening**
7-9-4, SB: 3
**Daily Four-Midday**
8-6-2-9, SB: 9
**Daily Four-Evening**
0-9-5-9, SB: 3
**Quick Draw Evening**
16-19-20-24-29-31-33-35-50-57-58-63-64-65-67-75-77-78-79-80, BE: 24
**Illinois**
**LuckyDay Lotto Midday**
04-20-21-30-33
**Pick Three-Midday**
7-1-1, Fireball: 6
**Pick Three-Evening**
5-6-0, Fireball: 7
**Pick Four-Midday**
9-2-2-8, Fireball: 4
**Pick Four-Evening**
4-4-9-7, Fireball: 0
**Lucky Day Lotto**
15-30-34-36-39

*– The Associated Press*

## ELECTORAL

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afternoon for the constitutionally mandated counting of the Electoral College results, in which Biden defeated Trump, 306-232. Despite pleas from Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, more than 150 GOP lawmakers planned to support objections to some of the results, though lacking evidence of fraud or wrongdoing in the election.

Trump spent the lead-up to the proceedings publicly hectoring Pence, who had a largely ceremonial role, to aid the effort to throw out the results. He tweeted: "Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!"

But Pence, in a statement shortly before presiding, defied Trump, saying he could not claim "unilateral authority" to reject the electoral votes that make Biden president.

In the aftermath, several Republicans announced they would drop their objections to the election, including Sen. Kelly Loeffler, R-Ga., who lost her bid for reelection Tuesday.

Earlier, protesters had fought past police and breached the building, shouting and waving Trump and American flags as they marched through the halls. Lawmakers were told to duck under their seats for cover and put on gas masks after tear gas was used in the Capitol Rotunda. Some House lawmakers tweeted they were sheltering in place in their offices.

Rep. Scott Peters, D-Calif., told reporters he was in the House chamber when rioters began storming it. Security officers "made us all get down, you could see that they were fending off some sort of assault." He said they had a piece of furniture up against the door. "And they had guns pulled," Peters said.

"And they just told us to take our pins off," he added, referring to lapel pins members wear so Capitol Police can quickly identify them. Then the lawmakers were evacuated.

Staff members grabbed the boxes of Electoral College votes as the evacuation took place. Otherwise, said Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., the ballots likely would have been destroyed by the protesters.

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## Whirlpool hit with ransomeware attack in November

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. was the victim of a ransomeware attack that has since been contained, company officials say.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker confirmed the breach likely occurred in November. The company's systems have since been fully restored.

"We live in a time when cyber crimes are all too prevalent across every industry," read a statement from the company. "Data privacy is a top priority at Whirlpool Corp. and we invest in the technology and processes to help protect our people, our data and our operations."

The attack has since been claimed to have been committed by the "Nefilim" ransomware gang, which has been active since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nefilim gained notoriety for threatening to release victims' data within a week of issuing ransom demands.

"(In November), Whirlpool Corp. discovered ransomware in our environment," Whirlpool's statement continued. "The malware was detected and contained. We are unaware of any consumer information that was exposed. There is no operational impact at this time."

According to a report from Forbes, a pair of files that were reportedly stolen during the attack were posted to the gang's leak site in late December. In its post, the Nefilim group claimed the files were only posted after initial negotiations with Whirlpool didn't result in a ransom being paid.

The ransomeware attack was first reported by the online site Bleeping Computer, which cited a source familiar with the situation.

The news outlet reported that leaked data included documents related to employee benefits, accommodation requests, medical information requests and background checks.

The ransom note left behind on affected systems claimed that hackers were in possession of gigabytes of additional data that were "deemed valuable or sensitive."

Whirlpool disputed this in its statement.

Other high-profile victims of Nefilim ransomware have included eyewear manufacturer Luxottica, transportation and logistics giant Toll Group, and India's largest offshore drilling services provider, Aban Offshore Limited.

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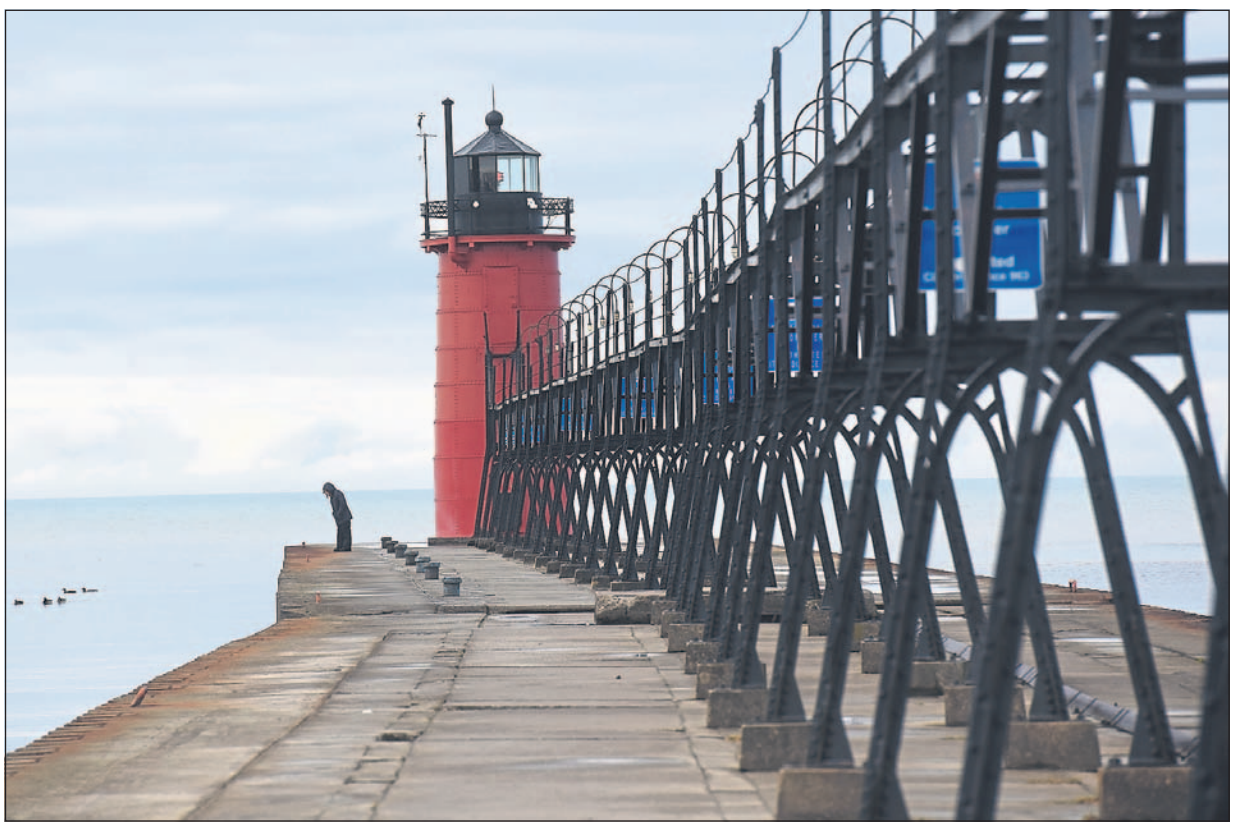

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A woman strolls along the South Pier at the lighthouse in South Haven on Wednesday morning.

## SH city council hires new clerk

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — A former intern for the city of Grand Haven has been chosen as the new city clerk for South Haven.

City council members on Monday formally approved hiring Nathan Slauer for the position. He takes the place of Travis Sullivan, who was recently chosen as the city's new zoning administrator. Slauer's starting annual salary will be $43,000.

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"He's (Slauer) a fantastic candidate," City Manager Kate Hosier said. "Nathan comes with experience and exposure to municipal government."

Slauer was selected by city staff from a field of 12 other candidates who applied for the position, according to city Human Resources Director Kim Wise.

Normally city administrators interview and hire staff. However, according to the city charter, the clerk, treasurer and city assessor candidates must be formally approved by the city council.

Slauer comes to South Haven after serving as an intern in the city manager's at Grand Haven. He has also served as volunteer coordinator and resource development coordinator for AmeriCorps.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science, history and social studies from Calvin College and is pursuing a master's degree in public administration from Grand Valley State University.

Slauer said he's looking forward to his new job.

"I'm excited to be here," he told council members Monday. "I got to meet some of the staff today and look forward to getting to know the rest of you at upcoming meetings."

## South Haven's sole remaining video store to close

### Family Video chain is closing all its stores

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Over the past couple of decades video stores began to close one by one in South Haven, except one holdout – Family Video.

That's about to change, though.

Highland Ventures Ltd., parent company of the Family Video chain, announced Tuesday that it plans to shutter all of its stores across the nation. Michigan is home to 58 of the stores, including ones in South Haven, Allegan and Niles.

In a letter to Family Video employees and customers, company President Keith Hoogland stated, "I have to make the difficult announcement that we are closing all Family Video locations. The impact of COVID-19 not only in foot traffic but also in the lack of movie releases, pushed us to the end of an era."

Family Video began 42 years ago. What began as a handful of 500-square-foot video rental locations grew to 800 locations at one point. A longtime St. Joseph store closed a couple of years ago.

"Surviving 10 years longer than the big three – Blockbuster, Movie Gallery and Hollywood Video – we were among the few that started with Beta, moved on to VHS and remained a part of the DVD and Blu-Ray era," Hoogland said.

The South Haven store opened several decades ago. On Wednesday its parking lot was filled – something that had not been happening as of late.

Customers who entered inside were not able to rent movies, but they could buy them at discount prices as part of the company's effort to liquidate its inventory before closing stores.

Photo by Becky Kark

The parking lot at the Family Video store in South Haven was full of customers on Wednesday seeking discounted videos. The South Haven store is one of 58 locations in Michigan that will soon close for good as part of the company-wide closure of the chain.

Lea and Summer Torres of Bangor were among dozens of customers who stood in line with hands and arms full of videos, patiently waiting their turn to make their purchases at the front counter

After they finished shopping, mother and daughter walked outside to their vehicle with plastic bags full of movies.

"She was able to get all eight seasons of 'American Horror Story,'" Lea said of her daughter. The pair also purchased the "Annabelle" series, several "Star Trek" movies, and even some oldies but goodies like Rogers and Hammerstein's musical, "Oklahoma."

Both the Torreses commented about the many bargains available to shoppers.

"Some were two for five," Summer said.

It didn't take long for word to get around about the sale going on at the store.

Jenifer Eltzroth of South Haven was among the customers. After seeing a post on Facebook she decided to check out the store inventory.

"I'll miss it," she said. "The Red Box will take their (the store employees) jobs."

Although Family Video store locations will no longer rent videos, the company will continue to do so on its website. Videos and other Family Video products can also be purchased online.

## St. Joseph Township to launch new communication tool

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Beginning Jan. 14, St. Joseph Township residents will have a new way of sharing information with their local officials.

The township will launch a new messaging platform known as TextMyGov.

Using the regular messaging app on any smart phone, the texting technology allows residents to ask questions and get immediate responses, find links to information on the township's website, address problems, report issues and upload photos by texting 269-421-4001.

Township Manager Denise Cook said she is excited about the new communication tool because it will allow the township to communicate information to residents in a timely manner.

To report a problem or issue, residents can text 91896 and SJCTOWNSHIP to the above mentioned phone number, and will receive a series of questions to answer to address their issue.

To get started using the tool, text "Hi" to 269-421-4001. You will immediately receive the following message back: "Hi, this is St. Joseph Charter Township. To find contact information, text CONTACT. To report an issue text REPORT. If this is an emergency, dial 911."

By texting "CONTACT," residents will receive a reply listing office hours under COVID-19 restrictions, a link to the township's website, a list of normal office hours and the phone number and address of township offices.

By texting "REPORT," residents will be guided through the process of reporting an issue or problem.

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## Michigan to begin vaccinating people 65 and older, teachers

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan will begin issuing coronavirus vaccines to seniors and frontline workers such as teachers and police next week, state officials said Wednesday while announcing accelerated access for people who are at least 65 years old.

The state had planned to next immunize people 75 and older and essential workers including first responders, prison guards and child care providers. But residents age 65 to 74 will be included, too.

"Every shot in the arm is a step closer to ending this pandemic," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said.

So far, the COVID-19 vaccine has been limited to health care workers and nursing home residents – those in Phase 1A of the vaccine rollout plan. At least 152,000 people in the state have received the first dose in just over three weeks. Michigan will move to Phase 1B on Monday and will also include 65- to 74-year-olds from Phase 1C.

Seniors can book appointments by contacting county health departments and other local vaccine clinics. Essential workers including police, firefighters, prison and jail staff, pre-K-12 teachers and child care providers will be notified by their employers about clinic dates and locations.

The Democratic governor, who has come under Republican criticism over the pace of immunizations, said the goal is to use 90 percent of vaccines within seven days of receipt. She said federal allotments have been limited, and she urged patience.

"We don't want to see people standing in lines. We don't want to see people get sick jeopardizing their health, like we've seen in other states. That's why it's important to make sure you've made an appointment before you head out to get your vaccine."

Officials stressed, however, that there will be limited appointments available.

Michigan wants to get 70 percent of residents age 16 and up vaccinated by the end of this year – roughly 5.6 million people.

The transition to the next phase was welcomed by public school groups. In December, more than half of all Michigan students were being educated using fully remote instruction due to the pandemic, according to a report from Michigan State University.

The Michigan State Medical Society, however, said many independently practicing physicians and their staff in Phase 1A have not yet been immunized, referring to those not employed by or affiliated with hospitals that received more than 80 percent of the 520,000 doses shipped.

Primary care physicians "have the expertise, equipment and processes in place to administer these vaccines" but "have been left out of the initial distribution plan," said CEO Julie Novak, whose organization represents more than 15,000 physicians.

J. Scott Applewhite / AP

Police with guns drawn watch as protesters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington.

# A historic moment in America, unimaginable, but perhaps inevitable

**By TED ANTHONY**
AP National Writer

Andrew Harnik / AP

People shelter in the House gallery as protesters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol.

To see it unspool — to watch the jumbled images ricochet, live, across the world's endless screens – was, as an American, a struggle to believe your eyes. But there it was, in the capital city of the United States in early January 2021, a real-time breaking and entering the likes of which the republic has never seen.

The U.S. Capitol was overrun by violent supporters of Donald Trump, who exhorted them to march on the domed building as lawmakers inside carried out their Constitutional duty by certifying his electoral defeat. The proceedings were quickly abandoned as the mob smashed windows, marched through hallways and rummaged through lawmakers' desks.

Fourteen days before Joe Biden is set to be inaugurated on this very site, elected officials sheltered in place in their own building. Agents barricaded themselves inside congressional chambers, guns drawn. The stars and stripes – soaring over public property – was lowered, then replaced as a blue Trump flag ascended.

In one of the day's most indelible images, a hoodie-clad trespasser sat in a chair overlooking the Senate floor – minutes after it had been vacated by Trump's own vice president, Mike Pence – waving his fist in front of a thick, ornate curtain designed to summon the trappings of democracy.

This was not "the peaceful transfer of power" so lionized by the American tradition. Not even remotely. "This," Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania said, "is an absolute disgrace."

The United States on Wednesday seemed at risk of becoming the very kind of country it has so often insisting it was helping: a fragile democracy.

"This is not dissent," Biden said in a televised address. "It's disorder. It's chaos."

Part of the point of building magnificent structures like the Capitol in the first place was to erect actual physical representations of an abstract system of government – deliberate, solid edifices as immutable and inviolable as their people hope the democracy itself will be.

So to see wooden furniture used as a barricade to keep American rioters out of an American congressional chamber, to watch Americans shattering American windows gazed through by who knows which American luminaries across the decades – that somehow spoke of something more, something deeper.

No matter what side you're on, the day's events underscored that the functioning monuments of a nation of laws – and even the very site where those laws come into being – could be upended by a group of its own people if they were angry enough and determined enough.

"Politics has become such a cultural divide in this country, and this is reflective of that," said Will James, a 56-year-old Republican-leaning real estate developer in Georgia who did not vote for Trump but backed his state's Republican candidates for the Senate. He watched the day's events and was shocked – but felt it had been approaching this point for a long time.

"We've lost a sense of common national purpose," James said. "People are all mad at their country. I don't think we've ever been here before. And I don't know how a republic survives long-term with those deep divisions."

In a fleeting message recorded from the White House, less than two miles away, Trump continued to foment those divisions. As Wednesday's chaos continued to unfold, he said a number of things, many of them inaccurate. At least one, though, was utterly true and hard to challenge: "There's never been a time like this."

But is this truly an inflection point, or simply another escalation – one in a series that has unfolded so gradually in recent years that the unimaginable of 2015 has become the merely repetitive in 2021? Is this the final gasp of something linked to the current administration, or the emergence of something that will become a dominant strand in the national DNA for decades?

"It seems like a different country, in one of those places where coups happen," said Bev Jackson, chair of the Democratic Party's Cobb County African American caucus in Georgia, where two Democrats won U.S. Senate seats in runoff elections Tuesday.

"I think people have feared a moment like this might be coming," Jackson said. "It's really sad and it's really tragic but I think people have been bracing themselves for this."

All over American television and on social networks were different permutations of the same statement: This isn't what America is. But what if it is? Indeed, many Americans who watched it all had similar how-could-this-happen-here reactions, echoed by newscasters and interviewees who used phrases like "banana republic" and the more unfortunate "like a third-world nation."

# World leaders are appalled by storming of U.S. Capitol

**By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA**
Associated Press

Leaders around the world condemned the storming of the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump on Wednesday, expressing shock at the chaos unfolding in a country they once relied upon for global leadership.

"Disgraceful scenes in US Congress," tweeted Prime Minister Boris Johnson of Britain, a staunch ally of the United States over generations. "The United States stands for democracy around the world and it is now vital that there should be a peaceful and orderly transfer of power."

Other allies were similarly appalled at what they described as an attack on American democracy, though some said they believed U.S. democratic institutions would withstand the turmoil. Some leaders singled out Trump for harsh criticism.

"Trump and his supporters should finally accept the decision of the American voters and stop trampling on democracy," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas wrote on Twitter. "From inflammatory words come violent deeds." He added that "contempt for democratic institutions has disastrous effects."

"The beauty of democracy?" with a shrug emoji was the reaction tweeted by Bashir Ahmad, a personal assistant to the president of Nigeria, which has seen several coups since independence – including one led decades ago by President Muhammadu Buhari, who most recently entered the office via a vote.

Chilean President Sebastián Piñera and Colombian President Iván Duque were among those in Latin America who denounced the protesters, but both also said they were confident that American democracy and the rule of law would prevail.

"In this sad episode in the U.S., supporters of fascism showed their real face: anti-democratic and aggressive,'' tweeted Luis Roberto Barroso, Brazilian Supreme Court justice and the head of the country's electoral court. He said he hoped "American society and institutions react with vigor to this threat to democracy.''

Venezuela, which is under U.S. sanctions, said the events in Washington show that the U.S. "is suffering what it has generated in other countries with its politics of aggression."

Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro has survived U.S.-backed opposition efforts to oust him despite accusations of human rights abuses, civil unrest and a humanitarian crisis that has forced millions to flee the oil-rich country.

In Puerto Rico, many people took to social media and joked that the U.S. territory no longer wanted statehood. Independence, they said, looked appealing for the first time in decades.

In fact, it was that pursuit of independence that marked one of the last times the U.S. Congress was stormed violently. Four members of Puerto Rico's Nationalist Party opened fire on the House floor in March 1954, wounding five lawmakers.

Italians watched the events with shock, having always considered the U.S. to be the model of democracy and the country that rescued Italy after its fascist descent during World War II.

"This is the widely anticipated outcome of Trumpism," tweeted a retired Italian center-left politician, Pierluigi Castagnetti. "And unfortunately it won't end today. When politics is replaced by deception and fanaticism of the people the drift is inevitable."

European Parliament President David Sassoli, who leads one of the largest legislatures in the world, also denounced the scenes at the Capitol. The European Union has spent four cantankerous years dealing with the Trump administration, and its top officials have repeatedly said they are looking forward to a better relationship under President-elect Joe Biden.

"This is insurrection. Nothing less. In Washington," tweeted Carl Bildt, a former prime minister of Sweden.

Manuel Balce Ceneta / AP

Supporters of President Donald Trump are confronted by Capitol Police officers outside the Senate Chamber at the Capitol.

ANALYSIS

# President Trump's rage ignites mob assault on democracy

**By JONATHAN LEMIRE**
Associated Press

Saul Loeb / AFP / Getty Images / TNS

A supporter of U.S. President Donald Trump sits inside the office of U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi as he protests inside the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. Demonstrators breached security and entered the Capitol as Congress debated the certification of the electoral votes in the 2020 presidential election.

NEW YORK — The riotous mob that laid siege to the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday was the product of the destructive forces that President Donald Trump has been stirring for years, culminating in the disruption of a democratic ritual that would formally end his unconstitutional bid to stay in power.

The scene that unfolded – pushing through police barricades, breaking windows, then occupying seats of power – was one that Americans are accustomed to watching in distant lands with authoritarian regimes.

But the violence, which included gunshots fired in the Capitol, one death, and an armed occupation of the Senate floor, was born from the man who swore an oath to protect the very democratic traditions that rioters tried to undo in his name.

The rioters chose to storm the Capitol, a building symbolic as a citadel of democracy, and stirred echoes of the the angst and blood of the Civil War era. Only this time it was instigated by a duly elected president unwilling to honor the foundational creed of a peaceful transfer of power.

"This is an attempted coup d'état incited by the President of the United States," said presidential historian Michael Beschloss. "We are in an unprecedented moment when a president who is willing to conspire with mobs to bring down his own government. This is totally against the idea of democracy for which the nation has stood for over two centuries."

The certification of the Electoral College votes that formalizes President-elect Joe Biden's victory, a Constitutionally-enshrined ceremony typically designed to show American democracy's strength, was disrupted within hours of Trump's incendiary demand for action in a speech to his supporters, as he implored them to "fight" to stop the "steal" of the election and march on the Capitol.

"After this, we're going to walk down – and I'll be there with you – we're going to walk down, we're going to walk down to the Capitol," Trump said, "and we're going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women, and we're probably not going to be cheering so much for some of them."

As his presidency enters its final days, Trump's speech was a valedictory that seethed with anger, and roused those who took it as a call to insurrection. Rioters overran and overmatched Capitol security forces, breaking windows, stealing mementos and mocking the institution with photos showing them in seats of power.

One in the mob seized House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's dais, another her office. A sea of red "Make America Great Again" hats stormed through Statuary Hall, a part of the Capitol familiar to tourists. One man carried a Confederate flag under the same rotunda where Abraham Lincoln – and, just last year, the congressman and civil rights hero John Lewis – had lain in state. A noose was photographed not far from the Capitol's west front.

And the inauguration stand where Biden will put his hand on a Bible in two weeks was used by U.S. Capitol Police to fire pepper spray into the violent crowd.

Few escaped Trump's rage – not even his most loyal lieutenant, Vice President Mike Pence, who had, for once, said he could not honor the president's wishes that he overturn the electoral vote count because there was no legal authority for him to do so.

# OBITUARIES

## Adalbert Sturcz

Nov. 11, 1939 – Jan. 3, 2021

Adalbert "Al" Sturcz, 81, of Stevensville passed away Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

A private Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 9, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor, with Fr. James Adams officiating. An Interment will take place at a later date at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland, American Kidney Foundation, or the American Alzheimer's Association. Those wishing to share a memory of Al online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Al was born on Nov. 11, 1939, in Weindorf, Hungary to Karl and Katharina (Peltzer) Sturcz.

On Nov. 19, 1960, he married Diana Hefner in Chicago at St. Alphonsus Church.

Al worked for Stanley Knight Corp., for 37 years including 27 as service manager. He was a member of Sts. John and Bernard Parish. Al was an outdoorsman and sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, bowling, gardening and snowmobiling. He especially cherished spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Al was the beloved husband of Diana Sturcz; cherished father of: Jeanette (Craig) Peacock, Tim (Kelly) Sturcz, Barbara (Sean) Phelan, and Katharine (Brian) Lint; much loved grandfather of: Laura (Peter) Bilionis, Kelly (Luke) Biltgen, Logan Sturcz, Mallaigh, Abaigh, and Emalaigh Phelan, Teah, Tynan, Evan, and Elan (Buckingham) Lint; great-grandfather to: Eliana and Amara Bilionis; and loving brother of Eva (Nick) Pataki. He is also remembered by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Adalbert "Little Al."

## Douglas Harry Snyder

March 4, 1954 – Jan. 3, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Makarewich of Watervliet have received word that Mrs. Hayley Makarewich's birth father, Douglas Harry Snyder, passed away Jan. 3, 2021, in Las Vegas. He was 66.

Douglas was born on March 4, 1954, in Benton Harbor.

In failing health for several years after a devastating motorcycle accident, Douglas was hospitalized briefly, dying of heart failure on Sunday.

Douglas enjoyed motorcycles and model cars, his favorite being the 1969 Chevrolet Corvette. He was an accomplished drummer and had a vast collection of cymbals. In addition to the Makarewich sons: Mason and Austin; he is survived by a sister, Corby Ann Snyder-Enriquez of Pahrump, Nevada; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Elmer and Shirley Schindler Snyder; and a sister, Vickie Ann Atkinson McCulloch Scott, all of Las Vegas.

Cremation has taken place. No memorial service is planned.

## Darryl Lamont Ray

Sept. 6, 1961 – Dec. 24, 2020

Darryl Lamont Ray, 59, of Benton Harbor died Thursday Dec. 24, 2020, at the University of Chicago Hospital.

Darryl was born on Sept. 6, 1961, to the union of Searcy and Ruby L. (Ray) Ervin.

Darryl was raised by his grandmother and grandfather: Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Wright. Darryl was a fun-loving dad and friend to many.

Darryl had one daughter, Daryshia Ray, of Grand Rapids.

Darryl worked in construction for a short period. Darryl attended several churches. He enjoyed watching sports, playing video games, and spending time with his special friends: Calvin Allen and Robert Willis.

Darryl was preceded in death by his grandfather, Roy Lee Ray; and sister, Johnny Jonelle Ervin.

A celebration of life services will be Saturday, Jan. 9, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, 204 S. Fair Ave., Benton Harbor, with visitation at 11 a.m. followed by services at noon.

Those wishing to sign the guest book may go to robbinsbrothersfh.com.

## Anthony Cornelius

Feb. 12, 1953 – Dec. 30, 2020

Anthony Cornelius, 67, departed this life on Dec. 30, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Anthony was born on Feb. 12, 1953, to the union of Robert E. Cornelius and Lucinda Monroe in Benton Harbor. He attended Benton Harbor Area Schools. He also played basketball in his high school years.

Anthony worked at Crown Cork and Seal in Stevensville for several years and then later retired. Tony also enjoyed fishing and he loved to go to the casino.

Anthony leaves fond memories in the hearts of his, wife Sandra Cornelius of Benton Harbor; one son, Antonio Cornelius of Benton Harbor; two daughters: Shamekа (Che') Wright of Benton Harbor, and Katisha (Keyan) Irving, of Indianapolis; siblings: Robert (Shirley) Cornelius, Rosie Cornelius of Benton Harbor, Janet Cornelius of Mississippi, and Cathy Cornelius of Texas; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Anthony is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Kelvin Cornelius and Phillip Cornelius; and one sister, Lavern Cornelius.

## Robert Allen Mason

Dec. 10, 1944 – Dec. 19, 2020

Robert Allen Mason, 76, of Watervliet passed away Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Robert was born on Dec. 10, 1944, in Benton Harbor. He was one of four children born to Fred D. Mason and Ethel L. Mason.

He married Carolyn J. Turner on May 13, 1988. Together they have one daughter, Rhonda.

Robert loved racing, hunting, fishing, reading and he enjoyed his Western movies. Robert was a U.S. Army veteran.

Robert is survived by his wife, Carolyn Mason, of Watervliet; his daughter, Rhonda (Scott) Stilwell of Stevensville; his granddaughters: Jennifer (Ed) Rath of Stevensville, Danielle (Harley) Allerman of Coloma, and Taylor Stilwell of Stevensville; six great-grandchildren; sister, Linda Gillespie of Alabama; many nieces; nephews; his cousin/best friend, Harold Ryan of Hartford; and his friends at Tri-Village Apartments in Watervliet.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, and brother-in-law, Helen and Harry Eglinsdorfler; brother, Fred D. Mason Jr.; sister and brother-in-law, Betty and James Dilts, and sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Leo Decker.

Those wishing to send a condolence or sign the guest book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

## Ruth I. Magdzinski

April 24, 1927 – Dec. 28, 2020

Ruth I. Magdzinski, 93, of Bridgman passed away Dec. 28, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman.

Ruth was born in Union Pier on April 24, 1927, to Joseph and Emma (Jirsa) Konvalinka. She attended elementary school at the old Union Pier School and New Buffalo High School, graduating in 1944.

After graduation, she worked at the A & P Grocery Store in Michigan City, where she met and later married the love of her life, John "Johnny" R. Magdzinski. They were married on May 24, 1947, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Buffalo. The two were happily married for almost 68 years before his passing in 2015. The two enjoyed spending time at the beach and bowling on several different couples' teams. After retirement, they traveled the states in their mobile home. They spent three months every winter at their home in Naples, Fla., and always celebrated Christmas there. They LOVED to dance, particularly the polka, and were the life of the party at many a wedding over the years. For about 12 years, they travelled every year to Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, for the annual Oktoberfest.

After moving to Lakeside, Ruth became a member of the Lakeside Association and the Lakeside School PTA. She worked hard for the community events such as, hiding eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt, volunteering for the Ice Cream Social, and co-founding the long-lasting Lakeside Association Craft Show in the Park. Ruth also served on the Chikaming Township Park Board for about 18 years. Ruth worked as an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life, and was their first woman insurance agent in this district. She later started working as a real estate agent for Bun Baldwin Real Estate Agency, and soon became a broker and started her own business, Lakeside Country Shores Realty. She was in real estate for 30 years until she retired.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Kathy (Steve) Beldorth of Lakeside; son, Stephen Magdzinski of Kalamazoo; grandchildren: Ion Beldorth, Stephanie (Jason) Ashcraft, Christopher (Brooke), and Ted (Laura) Magdzinski, and Julia (Chris) Thurley; great-grandchildren: Jacob, Jaxon, and Jessi Ashcraft, Taylor, Max, Brady, Miles and Calvin Magdzinski and Sasha Thurley; and niece, Shirley Lindborg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents: Joseph and Emma; brothers: Joseph Jr., and George Konvalinka; sisters: Dorothy Konvalinka, Irma Smith, and Loretta Sadenwater; and niece, Joanne Smith.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel in New Buffalo. A private family burial has taken place at Lakeside Cemetery. The family would like to thank all Ruth's friends, family and nursing staff who kept her spirits up these past few years.

Memorials may be made to the Harbor Country Emergency Food Pantry, 301 N Elm St, Three Oaks, MI 49128; Caring Circle of Lakeland, https://www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/caring-circle/give-now/donate, Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, www.rileykids.org, or to any COVID relief organization of your choice. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

## Gwendolyn Faye Slaughter

Dec. 4, 1962 – Dec. 28, 2020

Gwendolyn Faye Slaughter, 58 of Niles, Mich. died December 28, 2020, in South Bend Indiana at Memorial Hospital.

She was born on Dec. 04, 1962, in Tupelo, Miss., to Floyd and Julie Slaughter.

She is survived by her children: Artes Kirkland of Grand Rapids, Latoria Slaughter of Benton Harbor, Felecia Slaughter, Melody Willis, Danielle Willis of Kalamazoo, and Danny Willis of Las Vegas; grandchildren: Christian Howard, Madison Slaughter, Julian Slaughter, Ko'Bree Willis, Taylor Howard; brother, Paul (Avis) Slaughter of Covington, Ga.; sister, Newlafia (Emanual) Norman, Indianapolis; two stepsisters: Angela Brown of Hammond, La., and Tracy Brown of Benton Harbor; and two very dear friends: Danny Wills and Ricky Brown.

A Homegoing Celebration will be Friday, Jan. 8, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, 204 S. Fair Ave., Benton Harbor, with visitation starting at 11 a.m. followed by services at noon.

## Joanne Borsos Averill

Nov. 14, 1931 – Dec. 20, 2020

Joanne Borsos Averill, 89, passed away peacefully at her home on Dec. 26, 2020.

Born on Nov. 14, 1931, to Valerie and Anton Borsos of Niles, she was the youngest of four children. After graduating from Niles High School, she attended the University of Michigan, where she met, and upon graduation, married Charles F. Averill. After four years with the U.S. Navy, Charles settled into a career with Whirlpool Corporation, and they made their home in St. Joseph.

In addition to raising their three beautiful and extremely talented children, Joanne was very involved in the community, serving in leadership roles and singing in the choir at her churches, serving on the school board for 16 years, for many years as its president, working passionately with the Fort Miami Heritage Society to save the old Congregational Church and turn it into the Landmark Center, and working again to rebuild it after it caught fire.

Joanne was also an active member of the Krasl Art Center, Indian Hills Garden Club, Monday Musical Society, Antiquarians, AAUW, Mary Martha Circle, bridge club, and the "Beach Bums."

Joanne hated to cook, but loved to entertain. Her door was always open, literally, and she hosted all manner of travellers, from Brother Rice swimmers, and visiting choir/band/orchestra members, to the man who repaired the organ at the Congregational Church. She loved to travel, with friends, to Philadelphia and Charleston or with family to England, China and Peru, or if no one else would go, she would make new friends on a Smithsonian tour to Egypt. In her own words, she was "a very lucky lady."

Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Charles.

She is survived by her three children: Glenn (Cathy), Gregg (Carolyn) and Diane (William) Kennedy; five grandchildren: Palmer Averill, Ashley Averill, Samantha Averill, Paige Kennedy and Kate Kennedy; and a very large cat named Holly.

A memorial service will be at a later date, and details will be posted on the Starks & Menchinger website. www.starks-menchinger.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org., and the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation, www.sjpsfoundation.org.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for Joanne may do so at www.stark-menchinger.com.

## Death notices

**Joanne Borsos Averill,** 89, died Dec. 26, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Anthony Cornelius,** 67, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 30, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Patricia Irene Ely,** 76, of Buchanan Dec. 31, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

**Billy J. Hartz,** 77, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 26, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Donald L. Irwin,** 86, of Niles died Jan. 5, 2021. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Crystal L. Jones,** 59, of Niles died Jan. 6, 2021. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

**Lucinda Kuykendall,** 87, died Dec. 10, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Henry McGee Jr.,** 65, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 19, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Robert Allen Mason,** 76, of Watervliet died Dec. 19, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Willie Lee Mullins,** 65, of Kalamazoo died Dec. 19, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. 927-3181.

**Lamont Ray,** 59, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 24, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 937-3181.

**Adela Cadra Schultz,** 95, of the Village of Shoreham died Jan. 4, 2021. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

**Gwendolyn Faye Slaughter,** 58, of Niles died Dec. 28, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. 927-3181.

**Adalbert Sturcz,** 81, of Stevensville died Jan. 3, 2021. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Margaret "Meg" A. Ungemach,** 61, died Jan. 2, 2021. Piasecki Funeral Home, Kenosha, Wis., 262-658-4101.

## Lucinda Kuykendall

Oct. 6, 1933 – Dec. 10, 2020

Lucinda Kuykendall, 87, transitioned on Dec. 10, 2020, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Lucinda was born on Oct. 6, 1933, to the union of Daniel and Catherine Caston in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Lucinda grew up in Gary, Ind., and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1951. She moved to Benton Harbor in the early 1960s and married David Kuykendall. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and personal savior at an early age. She was a faithful member of St. John's Catholic Church for many years and later moved to the sister church, St. Bernard Catholic Church in the mid 2000s. She remained a member there until her heavenly transition.

Lucinda loved to sew and was an impeccable seamstress. She also worked a period of time at the local dry cleaners, One Hour Martinizer in Benton Harbor. Lucinda loved to read and take long drives in the countryside with her husband, David. She was always willing to help when she could. She was generous, kind-hearted, and would always greet people with a hug and a kiss; she never met a stranger. For those who knew her, she was a praying, God-fearing woman. She enjoyed going to church, cooking and reading her Bible. She loved her children and spent most of her life surrounded by her family.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy her daughter, Annette (Allen) Leigh of Atlanta; son, Raymond Joseph (Karen) Kuykendall of Memphis; goddaughter, Candy Gaddy of Benton Harbor; grandchildren: Dawn Kuykendall of Atlanta, Quianna King of Jonesboro, Ark., Joseph Raymond II, Melis'a Kuykendall and Kristopher Green, all of Memphis; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and family.

She was preceded in death by both her parents; husband, David; sister, Earnestine Larson; and great-granddaughter, Saniyah Kuykendall.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Benton Harbor, with Father James Adams officiating. Friends may visit with family one hour prior to the service. A burial will follow the service at Crystal Springs Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Bernard Catholic Church. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

## Henry McGee Jr.

March 4, 1955 – Dec. 19, 2020

Henry McGee Jr., 65, of Benton Harbor departed this life on Dec. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Henry was born on March 4, 1955, in Chicago, the son of the late Henry Sr., and Sarah (Council) McGee.

Henry united in holy matrimony to the love of his wife, Barbara Jean Bownes, on April 9, 1973. Seven children were born to his union.

Henry enjoyed seeing his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a very hard worker and worked for many people repairing residential and commercial floors.

Henry leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 47 years, Barbara McGee; six children: Alisha McGee, Angela (Reggie) Lloyd, Antonio McGee (Julisa Willis), Tiffany (Tommie) Swift, Henry McGee, and Tanya McGee (Monteeze Johnson); 23 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; his sister, Charlene Brown; his brothers: Edward McGee and John Earl; brother-in-laws: Esker Bownes Jr., and Albert (Leslie) Bownes; sisters-in-law: Daisy Bownes, Armentha (Victor) Williford, and Maureen (Richard) Neal; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Roshonda Bownes; grandson, Travis McGee; his grandmother. Alice Slautter; and two sisters: Gloria Council, and Betty Moore.

## Billy J. Hartz

June 9, 1943 – Dec. 26, 2020

Billy J. Hartz, 77, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 26, 2020.

A public viewing will be from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday Jan. 9, at Blue Roof Church, 3084 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A funeral service for immediate family will follow the viewing at the church.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 1996 – 25 years ago

Barcley Johnson, the owner of Tara Florist, plans to award a $250 gift certificate to the area travel agency that shows the largest percentage increase in bookings for Northwest Airlink flights out of the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport for the months of January and February.

### 1986 – 35 years ago

Bridgman and Niles high schools were the winners in the WHFB Academic Challenge over the weekend at The Orchards Mall in Benton Township. Bridgman was the winner in the opening match 215-175 over Dowagiac Union High School. Niles defeated River Valley High School in the second match, 265-255.

### 1971 – 50 years ago

A program on the Potawatomi Indians, who lived in this area of Michigan many years ago, will be a feature of the program at the meeting of Indian Hills School Community Club on Jan. 11, in the school gymnasium. Mrs. James Topash will be the speaker.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2021. There are 358 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On Jan. 7, 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

**On this date:**

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, Japanese forces began besieging American and Filipino troops in Bataan during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1959, the United States recognized the new government of Cuba, six days after Fidel Castro led the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

In 2004, President George W. Bush proposed legal status, at least temporarily, for millions of immigrants improperly working in the U.S.

In 2006, U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, facing corruption charges, stepped down as House majority leader. (DeLay was found guilty in Nov. 2010 of illegally funneling corporate money to Texas candidates; his conviction was eventually overturned.)

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy |
| 35° | 26° | 33° / 24° | 32° / 25° | 34° / 26° | 33° / 25° |

### Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 72%. Northeast wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 26°. Northeast wind 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 18°.

### Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise | 8:13 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:30 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 1:57 a.m. |
| Moonset | 1:16 p.m. |

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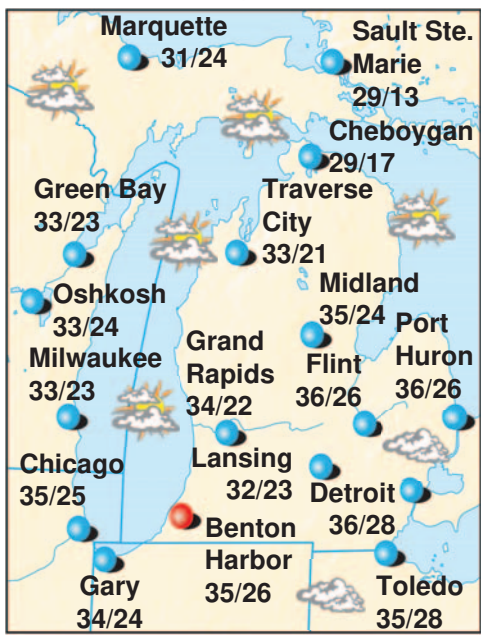


### Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

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| High | 38° |
| Low | 28° |
| Normal High | 31° |
| Normal Low | 17° |
| Record High | 59° in 2008 |
| Record Low | -16° in 2014 |

**Precipitation**

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| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.76" |
| Normal for month | 0.33" |
| Year to date | 0.76" |
| Normal Year to date | 0.33" |

### Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 44

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

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| 0-50 | Good |
| 51-100 | Moderate |
| 101-150 | Sensitive |
| 151-200 | Unhealthy |

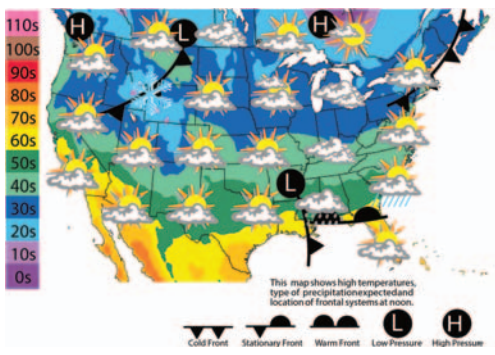
### Weather Trivia

*What meteorological instrument was invented by Samuel F.B. Morse?*

**Answer:** The telegraph, which made timely detection of storm systems possible.

### National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 7, 2021

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### Lake Michigan

Today, ENE wind 7 to 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 39 degrees. Tonight, NE wind 10 to 12 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 ft or less.

### Michigan Forecast

**Upper Peninsula**

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. North northeast wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 20s and 30s. Northeast wind 6 mph.

**Lower Peninsula**

Today, skies will be cloudy with highs in the 30s. Northeast wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 30s. North northeast wind 9 mph.

## REACTION

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TV when he spoke to the crowd. He inspired them to go challenge the process, and my god they did," Upton said. "And the president calling these folks patriots? I'm sorry, that's really the wrong term. They're thugs."

While the building was still occupied by Trump supporters – who were carrying American, Confederate and Thin-Blue Line flags – Upton called for the president to take responsibility and called for an end to the riot over Twitter.

"I am safe and sheltered in place. Horrified and shell-shocked by the violence of rioters trying to undo the constitutional transfer of power. @RealDonaldTrump, for the sake of our nation and safety of our people, tell your supporters to stand down and leave town," Upton wrote.

Upton, who was re-elected to his 18th consecutive term in the 6th District in November, was among the first congressional Republicans to publicly congratulate President-elect Joe Biden after the race was called for Biden.

After the building was again secured, Upton said he knew some of his colleagues – who had previously announced their intention to challenge their state's votes – were changing their minds.

Ultimately, Upton lays blame at the feet of the president for Wednesday's violence.

"This takes the cake. I never thought I'd live to see the day when people stormed the nation's Capitol," Upton said. "It's pretty clear to me, (Trump) inspired the marchers. Many of the protestors had the false idea that they would be able to overturn the certified results of these states. It was never going to happen."

When asked about renewed calls to impeach Trump, or calls to invoke the 25th Amendment, Upton said both remain unlikely.

"The 25th Amendment has to be initiated by the vice president – although he may be in the mood to do that after today," Upton said. "An impeachment is still a long process. It's not done in a fortnight."

### 'Rule of law'

Other Southwest Michigan lawmakers and officials also made statements on Wednesday, with most forcefully condemning the lawlessness and violence in Washington.

State Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, said violence is never the answer. "It's a disgrace. I know people are angry, but the frustration should never lead to that, especially in the political landscape," he said.

State Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, wrote in a statement to The Herald-Palladium, which was also posted on his Facebook page, that there is no place for violence in American politics.

"Our nation is built upon the rule of law through the ballot box," he wrote. "The outrageous attack on our nation's Capitol is unacceptable and wrong. These criminals need to be held accountable. Prayers for the safety of our law enforcement & elected officials."

State Rep. Beth Griffin, R-Mattawan, voiced less condemnation for the rioters in her statement on Facebook:

"I remain consistent in my belief that Americans have a right to protest, as protected by the Constitution. That right does not apply to the actions we witnessed last year when cities burned and businesses were destroyed by Antifa protestors who turned to violence and rioting. I loudly denounced those actions for months and will always denounce violence. My thoughts and prayers are with the brave men and women of Capitol police and all of the Michiganders, legislators and staff currently in the building and in D.C. To be clear, I support those who went to Washington today to peacefully protest and voice their concerns regarding the integrity of our elections. I will continue to fight for the Michigan families, Republican and Democrat, who like myself believe the future of our free and fair elections are at stake," Griffin wrote.

State Rep. Pauline Wenzel, R-Watervliet, did not return calls asking for comment. State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, was unavailable for comment due to a death in the family.

Amy Scrima, chairperson of the Berrien County Democratic Party, said the nation's democracy is at stake.

"This is not who we are as Americans," she said. "... We need to come together to work through our different perspectives, which can be valuable if seen that way. Or the alternative is civil war, and that's not good for anyone. This is not the way we solve problems."

Scrima blamed Trump for spreading false information and inciting violence.

"That's dangerous rhetoric. If these people are believing what he's saying, that somehow it can be overturned even though there's no place in our democratic process where it can take place that way, by saying those things, he has his followers think that that's an option," she said. "And this is the result."

Biden won the popular vote by more than 7 million votes, and the Electoral College 306-232.

Berrien County Commissioner Ezra Scott, R-New Buffalo, said he understands that people are passionate, but violence is never the answer.

"There's no excuse for any of this. That's not who we are as a people," he said. "To me, it doesn't matter what side of the aisle you are on. This is unacceptable."

Scott was in Washington a month ago, where he participated in a coronavirus summit aimed at getting people vaccinated against COVID-19 quickly. He noted that security was very tight while he was there, and he doesn't understand why law enforcement officials weren't better prepared for what happened Wednesday.

Berrien County Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough, D-Benton Harbor, said it was sad to watch on the TV news the protesters break out the windows in the Capitol.

"I don't remember anything like this where I'm personally afraid," she said. "This is a scary time."

Dennis Grosse, chairman of the Berrien County GOP, said the day started with President Trump, a Republican, speaking during a peaceful rally a few blocks from the Capitol where the joint session would take place.

"And obviously, after the Trump speech, some people decided to go to the Capitol to protest outside the Capitol," he said. "... It's wrong. They shouldn't have done it, and we obviously condemn it."

*HP Staff Writers Alexandra Newman and Louise Wrege contributed to this story.*

## VACCINE

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officials said after that announcement that the county does not have the immediate vaccine supply to support vaccination for all individuals in these groups.

"In order to make the most efficient use of the limited supply of vaccine that is allocated to Berrien County from MDHHS, BCHD will be continuing to focus on vaccinating those in Phase 1A while also adding in additional priority groups when possible," health officials wrote in a news release issued late in the day.

Davis said during the morning's board of health meeting that the BCHD got its initial shipment of the Moderna vaccine, but haven't been able to get any more because the state has redesignated much of the Moderna vaccines to the federal pharmacy program to vaccinate long-term care facilities.

"Which is a vulnerable population, and rightfully so to be a priority, but that means what we've got is what we have for a couple of weeks," Davis said.

Health department officials also said during the meeting that they have not received any funding from the state for help with vaccination efforts.

The supply and financial delays have not stopped the BCHD from robust planning, and setting up a pre-registration process and an online vaccine scheduling platform that will eventually become available to the public as the county moves through the phases.

"The BCHD urges the community to remain patient as efforts are ongoing to ensure adequate vaccine availability for all those who are interested," officials wrote in the release.

Right now, COVID vaccinations in Berrien County are being done by invitation only to those in Phase 1A. Those who are in Phase 1A, who think they might have been missed, should call the BCHD at 1-800-815-5485 to indicate their interest in being vaccinated.

Davis said next week the county should start to see a ramping up of vaccination efforts.

"Whatever vaccine cadence we're doing now, has to keep growing," Davis said. "So we're doing dose one for Phase 1A right now, as we move into Phase 1B, we still have to do dose two for every single person who comes through now."

Davis said filling all the time slots for a clinic in a given day is also very important to the BCHD. She said they're working with strategic partners to have folks on standby to get the vaccine, should there be gaps in a clinic schedule.

Davis said health department officials also have to think about their other public health functions and programs that it can't fully stop. They are seeking volunteers to help balance the work load of the department's full-time nurses.

Additional logistical challenges of mass vaccinations include setting up clinics where people can be socially distanced, and so that at least a few hundred people can get the vaccine at each event, according to Davis. Clinics are being held at the health department office in Benton Township, but also at places around the county to shorten travel times for some.

"The goal is to keep having clinics as long as the state gives us vaccine," Davis said.

She said the health department is also working with Spectrum Health Lakeland to make sure no efforts are duplicated, and to add some extra accountability to make sure each entity is using its supply of vaccine in a timely manner.

Lakeland is currently vaccinating its staff with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1A, and will shift to helping vaccinate the community as the phases are worked through, according to Davis.

"The state's message is, 'use the vaccine you have' and we're doing just that; I'm just hoping we'll keep getting more," she said.

### Vaccine hesitancy

The health department estimates that about 50 percent of people will wait to get the COVID-19 vaccine, or not get it at all.

Ken Edwards, a local orthopedic surgeon and member of the board of health, said he's been seeing a surprising reluctance of people not wanting to get the vaccine, noting that massive participation is necessary for the vaccine to be effective.

"I'm very happy this vaccine has been rolled out, but I'm very concerned about these pockets of reluctance to get the vaccine and wonder what we can do to help," he said.

Davis said that's another thing in which the health department has been working with community partners.

"We're working to identify: who are the trusted partners in people's lives?" she said. "There is certainly work underway to do that confidence building."

Davis said the health department has been working with the Area Agency on Aging, senior centers, Meals on Wheels, along with a slew of other entities to coordinate getting folks vaccinated as the vaccine rollout moves through the different phases.

### Data update

The decline in new COVID-19 cases recently is making contact tracing and case investigation at the health department much more manageable again, said Nicki Britten, health officer for the BCHD.

The county is averaging between 35 and 45 new cases a day, with 51 being recorded on Wednesday.

Britten reported that during the November COVID wave, the county was dealing with several outbreaks at long-term care facilities and that has led to many of the subsequent deaths.

"We've unfortunately stuck to the trend that it's older adults and those with risk factors that are most likely to get it and to die," she said.

Berrien County recorded one death on Wednesday, bringing the county's death toll to 182. In addition, the county added 131 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is down to about 1,681 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 2,169 active cases last Wednesday.

Britten said hospitalizations are still the data that best represents the spread of COVID-19 in a community. Spectrum Health Lakeland had 40 COVID-19 patients admitted Wednesday morning. That's down from 52 last Wednesday.

The BCHD is still encouraging folks to sign up for its COVID-19 vaccine newsletter.

It will be sent out about every other week, according to Gillian Conrad, the BCHD's communications manager. More frequent updates, if available, will be posted on the department's social media channels. Larger announcements will also be disseminated through local news media.

To sign up, and for more COVID vaccine information, visit https://www.bchdmi.org/1745/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.

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# St. Joseph swimmers preparing for state finals

## Bears back in pool after nearly two-month layoff

**By BEN SANDERS**
HP Sports Editor

St. Joseph's 200-yard medley relay team is once again preparing for the Division 2 girls state swimming finals.

After a nearly two-month layoff, the expectations have changed a little bit.

"I don't think we're going to break any records," St. Joseph coach Janet Beemer said. "It's more about finishing up, some closure to the season."

The Division 2 finals will be held Jan. 16 at Grand Rapids Northview High School. The Bridgman co-op team had one swimmer, Audrey Dixon of Niles, qualify for the Division 1 finals in the 100 and 200 freestyle. That meet will take place at Hudsonville High School, also on Jan. 16.

Originally scheduled for late November, the finals had been postponed multiple times by emergency orders to contain the spread of COVID-19. Teams weren't able to resume practice until Monday.

St. Joseph had seven swimmers return to the pool. Mia Wurster, Sylvia Park, Breanne Pratley and Addie Straub form the regular lineup, with Jordan Block, Ella Ott and Emma Dibkey serving as alternates.

Beemer said that some of the swimmers were able to use pools at the YMCA or Renaissance Athletic Club, while others have only done "dry land" exercises to keep in shape. The team is currently swimming about two-thirds of its normal yardage as it builds back up.

Like all athletes still participating in fall tournaments, the Bears are required to take rapid COVID-19 tests three times per week.

"Everybody's negative, so that's good," Beemer said. "It's sort of nice to know that you don't have COVID. It eases your mind. They're still wearing masks into the school and into the pool area."

Beemer isn't sure how much other teams have been able to train, or even what sort of times her own team might be capable of in the unusual circumstances.

"We will talk about some goals and what they feel like they can do," she said. "It would be nice if we made the (state qualifying time) again.

"We're just going to try to do our best and be happy with whatever. It's just a crapshoot."

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# Back to their roots

## MSU relies on defense, rebounding in big win over Rutgers

**By CHRIS SOLARI**
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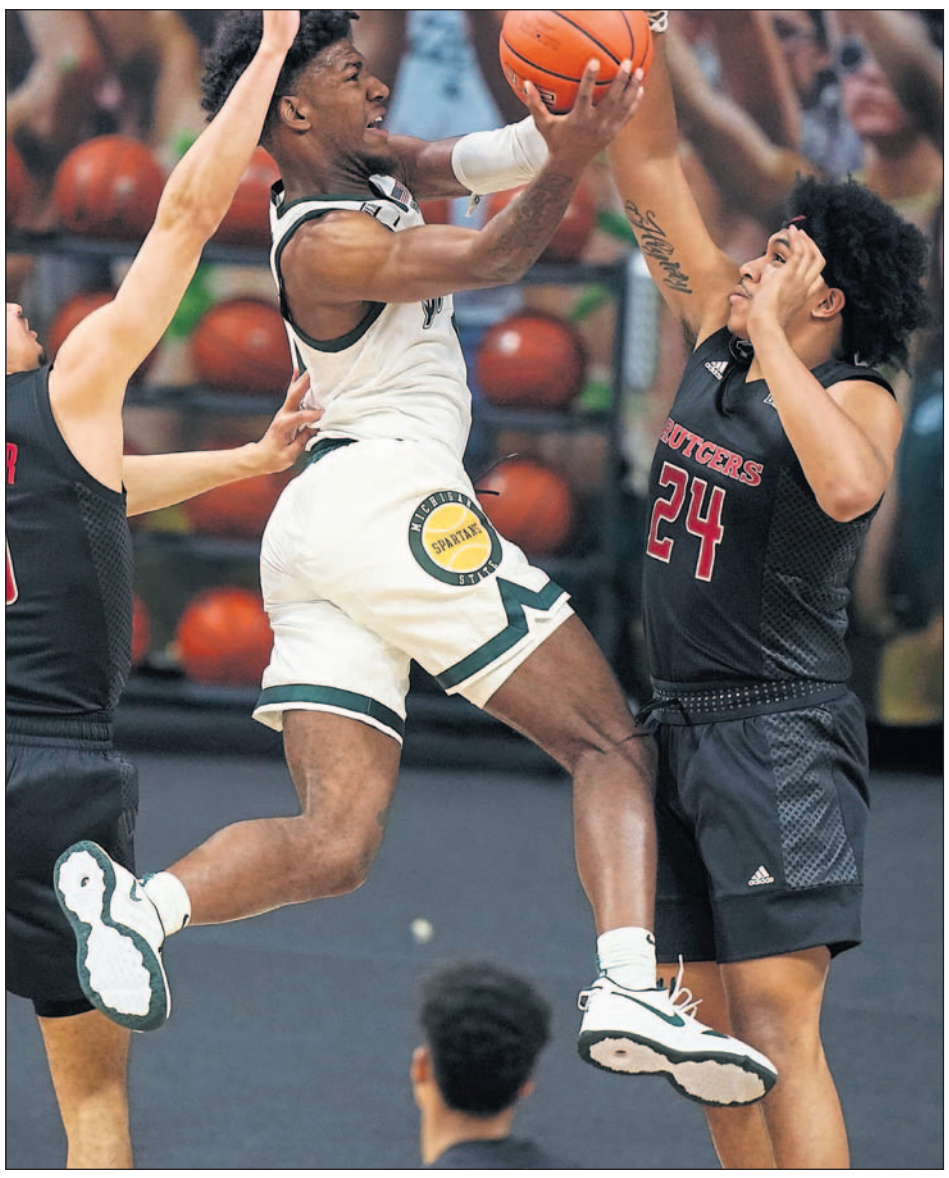

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**Michigan State forward Aaron Henry makes a layup as Rutgers guard Ron Harper Jr. (24) defends during the first half of Tuesday's game.**

EAST LANSING — Tom Izzo on Monday briefly mentioned he spotted some new decor inside the Breslin Center since Michigan State basketball last played there Christmas Day.

Most of the accoutrements were placed to simulate fans who can't be there, from pictures of the coaches of the Spartans' other sports on seats courtside to vinyl banners of the Izzone on the closed-up bleachers.

The recent additions, though, represented something bigger.

There were the Flintstones – or, at least, cardboard cutouts of Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, Antonio Smith and Charlie Bell. They filled chair-back green seats along with pictures of other former Izzo players and all-time greats, who hovered above the MSU bench as a reminder of the bedrock tenets of the program's success.

The Spirit of Section 109 overtook his current Spartans on Tuesday night, and they responded in a way that made Izzo proud.

With a return to rebounding.

With a return to running.

Most of all, with a return to defense.

MSU smothered No. 14 Rutgers all night in a physical dogfight, got another starring performance from Aaron Henry and enjoyed plenty of complementary work at both ends from players trying to live up to the reputation established before many were born. The Spartans never trailed in their 68-45 victory and slowly started to resemble the team they were in nonconference play.

And, in turn, the Spartans received perhaps the highest compliment their coach could give them.

"I thought tonight," Izzo said, "we played Michigan State basketball."

Was it perfect? Not at all – the 14 first-half turnovers remain a trouble spot Izzo knows his team needs to fix. The Spartans (8-3, 2-3 Big Ten) also still need more from Joey Hauser and Rocket Watts, whose second half efforts added more optimism with Purdue scheduled to visit Friday (7 p.m./FS1).

Yet it was the tenacity of MSU's defense against Rutgers perimeter players that changed from the past few weeks of struggles. The Scarlet Knights (7-3, 3-3) shot just 30.5 percent overall and 3-for-12 from 3-point range in barely getting half of the 80 points a game they were averaging entering Tuesday.

"The way we did it, I felt like we defended and kind of got back to some ways that are our standards here at Michigan State in terms of defense," said Henry, who scored 20 points with eight rebounds, four blocks and two steals. "But we still have a long way to go. We're not complacent, we're not satisfied.

"Rutgers is a great team. And to be able to play defense like that, I feel like it takes a certain level of awareness and locked-in-edness, I guess you could say. We had good focus this week, and it means a lot to our team."

The Spartans limited Ron Harper Jr. to 13 points, nine below his average, thanks to Malik Hall and Thomas Kithier's positional defense. Jacob Young added 11, the only other Scarlet Knight in double figures. Harper and Young were a combined 10-for-30 shooting. MSU also had eight blocks and five steals to help offset their own giveaways.

Izzo called it "one of our better defensive performances in a couple of years." Rutgers' 45 points were the fewest allowed by the Spartans in a Big Ten game since a 62-44 home win over Ohio State on Feb. 17, 2019.

"We think we can clean up some of those things

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# Buckeyes' Sermon breaks out ahead of national title game

**By MITCH STACY**
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — During the first four games of Ohio State's pandemic-shortened season, transfer running back Trey Sermon was easy to overlook on a team full of big names and future NFL draft picks.

Nobody is overlooking him now.

Astonishing efforts in the past two games – including a 331-yard, two-touchdown performance in the Big Ten championship game that earned him a Twitter shoutout from LeBron James – have brought Sermon the level of national attention he sought while playing three solid years at Oklahoma.

"When I came here, my goal was to do whatever I can to help this team out and play for a national championship," Sermon said this week as the Buckeyes prepared to play top-ranked Alabama in the title game on Monday night. "It's all happened, and it does kind of seem like a dream."

More people learned Sermon's name last weekend when he rushed for 193 yards and a TD and caught four passes for 61 yards in Ohio State's 49-28 victory over Clemson in a College Football Playoff semifinal, a game few prognosticators thought the Buckeyes would win.

In the Clemson game, he was also the guy with the sly smile.

ESPN cameras caught the engaging Sermon, his helmet pushed back on his head, glancing up and smiling sheepishly, almost mischievously, after a replay showed he was down before rolling off a defender and trying to sell it to officials as a touchdown run. ESPN replayed the smile moment a few times, and soon it was showing up in internet memes.

Sermon ended up at Ohio State because he needed a place to play as a graduate transfer and the Buckeyes needed a seasoned performer in their injury-depleted running backs room. When he signed on in the spring, presumptive starter Master Teague III was rehabbing from an Achilles tendon

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Darron Cummings / AP

**Ohio State running back Trey Sermon, right, is congratulated by head coach Ryan Day, left, after being named most valuable player following the Big Ten championship game Dec. 19.**

# New 7th seed helps Bears 8 years too late for Lovie Smith

**By JOSH DUBOW**
AP Pro Football Writer

While Matt Nagy gets to coach Chicago in the playoffs despite a middling 8-8 record that could help save his job, former Bears coach Lovie Smith can only wonder if the extra team in the postseason could have helped him eight years ago.

The addition of a seventh playoff team in each conference this season helped make sure Indianapolis wouldn't become the fourth team in the Super Bowl era to miss the postseason despite winning 11 games, and let the Bears sneak in as the eighth 8-8 team ever to earn a wild-card spot.

Their entrance into the playoffs also raises questions about which other teams would have been helped if the NFL had expanded the postseason earlier.

Smith's Bears teams from the beginning of last decade are near the top of that list. After losing the NFC title game to eventual champion Green Bay in the 2010 season, the Bears looked poised for another playoff run the following season before Jay Cutler went down with a season-ending thumb injury after a 7-3 start. Chicago lost five of six and missed the postseason as the seventh seed with an 8-8 mark.

The Bears were even better the next season, going 10-6, but once again missed out on the final wild-card spot thanks to a division record tiebreaker with Minnesota. Smith was fired after that season.

He's not alone when it comes to coaches losing their job after missing the playoffs as the seventh seed, with Detroit's Jim Caldwell (2017), Tampa Bay's Jon Gruden (2008) and Minnesota's Mike Tice (2005) all getting fired after seventh-place finishes.

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# Tigers sign Grossman to 2-year, $10 million contract

Tony Gutierrez / AP

**Oakland's Robbie Grossman waits on a pitch from the Texas Rangers during an Aug. 24, 2020 game. The Detroit Tigers have signed Grossman to a two-year, $10 million contract that includes performance bonuses.**

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers signed outfielder Robbie Grossman to a $10 million, two-year contract, adding a switch-hitting veteran to a rebuilding team coming off consecutive last-place finishes.

The deal includes salaries of $5 million annually plus performance bonuses. The 31-year-old Grossman spent the past two seasons with the Oakland Athletics. He hit .241 with eight home runs and 23 RBIs in 51 games in the shortened 2020 season.

"I've been fortunate to play for some great franchises during my career, and I couldn't be happier to add the Tigers to that list," Grossman said. "I've been in Detroit a number of times as a visiting player, and know how passionate the city and its fans are for Tigers baseball. I'm very excited to get to work with my coaches and teammates, and help bring winning baseball back to the Motor City."

The deal includes $250,000 bonuses for 500 and 550 plate appearances in each year. He has additional award bonuses.

Prior to his stint with the A's, Grossman played for Minnesota and Houston. His .826 OPS last season was just two points shy of his career high in 2016. He also set a career high with 11 homers in that 2016 season with the Twins, although he'd have had a good chance to break that if last year had been a full season.

"Robbie is a proven major league hitter and will bring consistent, competitive at-bats to our lineup," Detroit general manager Al Avila said. "His name quickly came up when our front office began planning potential offseason additions, and all of us are looking forward to having his veteran presence both on the field and in the clubhouse."

The Tigers have largely stuck to smaller deals in free agency during their rebuild. Detroit hasn't made the postseason since 2014.

In a corresponding move, the Tigers designated outfielder Troy Stokes Jr. for assignment.

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injury and his future was uncertain.

Sermon, who was recruited by Ohio State as a prep player, arrived in Columbus with some bona fides.

He was the Big 12's Offensive Freshman of the Year in 2017, scoring his first touchdown at Ohio Stadium on a pass from Baker Mayfield in a win over the Buckeyes. Joining Kyler Murray in the Sooners' backfield in 2018, he had his best season, rushing for 947 yards and scoring 13 touchdowns.

In his junior year, Sermon had to fight for playing time before his season was cut short by a knee injury in the ninth game. He graduated from Oklahoma so he could transfer without sitting out, and continued to rehab his knee as the Big Ten stopped and started again because of the pandemic.

"It was pretty rough in the beginning," he said. "Just coming here and not being able to be around everybody, and then everything gets shut down and then picks back up."

Playing behind Teague in the first four games, Sermon had 232 rushing yards and zero touchdowns. In the three games since, he's rolled up 636 yards with four TDs while averaging 9 yards per carry.

Coach Ryan Day said that with Teague sidelined again, Sermon got more carries, gained back some confidence and found his old groove.

His tackle-breaking style and bursts in the secondary have drawn comparisons to Ezekiel Elliott, who helped carry Ohio State to a national championship after the 2014 season.

"The best part about Trey is when all that was going on, he never came into my office, never complained, never said 'I need more carries,' none of that stuff," Day said. "Just kept his mouth shut and kept going to work. I think that is the best part of this whole story, is he just kept going every single day to work and never said anything about it. And now he's playing at a high, high level."

Sermon, 6-foot-1 and 215 pounds, is back on the radar of pro scouts and can move up the draft board if he can manage to stand out Monday among an array of other NFL-bound players, including Alabama's Heisman Trophy winner DeVonta Smith.

Jim Nagy, executive director of the Reese's Senior Bowl and a longtime NFL scout, puts Sermon in the same category as Josh Jacobs, the former Alabama back drafted in the first round by the Las Vegas Raiders in 2019 despite getting stuck behind stars Damien Harris and Najee Harris on the Tide's depth chart.

"Josh Jacobs was a backup in college and is a stud in the NFL," Nagy tweeted last month. "Trey Sermon has been a backup in college and he WILL be a stud in the NFL. Evaluate the player, not the depth chart."

# Familiar place, unfamiliar faces at Kapalua to start year

**By DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Xander Schauffele already is a footnote in PGA Tour history as the first player to post the lowest score in a stroke-play tournament without getting credit for the win.

He wouldn't mind being another asterisk at Kapalua.

No one has ever gone more than a year without winning and ended the drought at the Sentry Tournament of Champions. Winning is the only way to get to Maui at the start of the year, so Schauffele and 15 other players ordinarily wouldn't be here. Except that 2020 was no ordinary year.

Because the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the PGA Tour for three months, the winners-only field at Kapalua was expanded to include anyone who made it to the Tour Championship.

"I got an asterisk for winning the Tour Championship that counted in certain things and not in others," Schauffele said. "I'm all about entering weird categories, I guess. This is what I do."

Schauffele finished at 15-under 265 at the Tour Championship, the lowest score by three shots. But the FedEx Cup finale now has a staggered start based on the standings, and top seed Dustin Johnson (who started at 10-under par) was crowned the champion. Schauffele only received first-place world ranking points, but no trophy.

Part of him believes he earned his spot at Kapalua. And part of him is just happy to be here.

"It's called the Tournament of Champions. I'm fortunate and lucky to be here," he said. "You should win to be here. It's a bonus for winning. I always want to be here and we'll do everything in our power to be here."

The 42-man field is the largest in tournament history by adding players who reached the FedEx Cup finale, a list that includes two players – Scottie Scheffler and Abraham Ancer – who have never won on the PGA Tour.

Another addition is Billy Horschel, who would like to see the one-time criteria stay that way. Horschel said such a proposal has been presented to the Player Advisory Council.

"I think it's good, something they should do permanently," Horschel said.

He believes it would benefit the title sponsor, Wisconsin-based Sentry, along with the field next week in Honolulu. Horschel said the tour has crunched numbers and in a normal year, it would add eight to 10 players to Kapalua. He also said a reduction to three FedEx Cup playoff events makes it harder to reach East Lake, and those players should be rewarded.

Whether it goes any further than the PAC is doubtful.

The tour has contemplated an expanded field over the years, such as giving a two-year exemption to Kapalua for winning a tournament. Sentry, in its fourth year as the sponsor, likes the exclusivity of being the toughest field to make all year.

Besides, the name of the tournament would have to change. "Tournament for really good years" doesn't hold much appeal.

It fits for Schauffele, who did everything but win (even with the low score at East Lake).

He needed two putts from 35 feet on the final hole last year to win at Kapalua, only to three-putt for par in 30 mph gusts. That led to a three-man playoff won by Justin Thomas. He also had chances at Colonial and Shadow Creek.

And he's lucky to be back at Kapalua in other ways. Schauffele tested positive for the coronavirus a week before Christmas, and he finished the self-isolation in time to make the trip to Maui.

"I got COVID, and the reason I'm here is because of COVID, so there's always a couple ways to look at it," he said. "But yes, it is very strange to play in a Tournament of Champions without an official win."

Kapalua also is the first tournament for Johnson since he won the Masters on Nov. 15. He decided not to play in the Mayakoba Classic and arrived last week on Maui to start shaking off the rust. Johnson and Thomas have played every year since 2016, the longest active streak for the winners-only event.

For others, Kapalua is a welcome return.

Sergio Garcia, who won the Sanderson Farms Championship, returns for the first time in 15 years. The former Masters champ has been eligible before, though like several Europeans, he often limited travel because he started his new year in the Middle East. Stewart Cink hasn't played in 11 years.

"It's always great to start the year in Maui because it's Maui, but also it means that you've done something that's worthy of an invite here," Cink said.

Adam Scott returns for the first time since 2014. He has missed previous years from playing in Australia deep in the year and needing something of an offseason. Because of the pandemic, Australian tournaments were canceled. Scott has been in Switzerland with his wife and three children, and only recently stopped over in the Bahamas to start practicing.

He moved up his practice so he could spend the afternoon surfing, but later was spotted on the putting green.

"No waves," he said, though clearly not the end of the world.

## MSU

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offensively," Izzo said. "And if we can keep our defense, which travels, we got a chance to take some steps forward."

Henry scored 11 in the first half while the offense sputtered through mistakes. Seven of his points came in an 11-4 opening salvo. He also delivered a driving dunk and his second 3-pointer as part of a 20-11 start to the second half, in which he scored seven points.

"I think Aaron Henry's played at a whole other level," Izzo said of Henry, who had a career-high 27 points in Saturday's win at Nebraska to help MSU snap its three-game Big Ten losing streak. "You know, we'll all marvel at his 20 points – the last two games, he's been unbelievable defensively. And he got into some people tonight, he knocked some balls loose. It's just his whole demeanor right now."

Watts and Joshua Langford each added 11 points, while freshman point guard A.J. Hoggard dished out six assists in his second straight start.

They also showed vast improvement on the glass after getting outrebounded in their previous two games, almost unheard of for Izzo teams. Hauser led MSU with 14 boards for his first double-digit rebounding game in Big Ten play. The 6-9 junior had four double-doubles in MSU's first six games.

"Really, it's effort," Hauser said. "Rebounding is effort, the defense is effort, even a little bit of just your basketball IQ, But effort is where it starts. And making sure your guy's not getting a rebound – cutting out is a huge part of the game. That opens up our offense a ton, too.

"But it started on defensive end. That's why we be rebounded the ball so well."

A lesson that has passed through Izzo's program for decades. And one he hopes this team can continue to display.

"That was a total team win. And it was needed," Izzo said. "It was really needed to win a game the way Michigan State wins games."

## SMITH

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Caldwell's firing came after a 9-7 mark that was his third winning record in four seasons but was one game behind Atlanta for the final wild-card spot. The Lions probably have more regrets than Caldwell over that missed chance, having gone 14-33-1 since then. They are looking for a new coach again after firing Caldwell's replacement, Matt Patricia, during this season.

Had Gruden's Bucs made it that season, it might have been enough to save his job in Tampa Bay and delay his entrance into the broadcast booth. That was one of two seasons the Bucs finished seventh during a 12-year playoff drought that finally ended this season with Tom Brady at quarterback.

Tampa also came in seventh in 2016, along with an eighth-place finish following a 10-6 mark in 2010.

The tough-luck missing playoff team that season was the Giants, who missed out the year before Eli Manning and Co. won their second Super Bowl under coach Tom Coughlin.

In all, 23 franchises under the current eight-division format put in place in 2002 would have benefited from at least one more playoff berth, led by Minnesota and Pittsburgh with four extra trips each.

New Orleans, Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Houston, Tennessee and Tampa Bay all would have had two more playoff appearances if the seasons had played out the same way.

In the past, the extra team would have been more likely to be a double-digit winner like Indianapolis (nine times) than a .500 team like Chicago (eight times).

The new format also affects the postseason by eliminating the bye for the second-seeded team, forcing Buffalo and New Orleans to play this weekend instead of sitting at home.

No team has gotten to the Super Bowl the past seven seasons without a first-round bye and the last two champions got there as second seeds, with Kansas City winning it last season and New England the previous year.

# No place like home? Host advantage vanished in year of coronavirus

**By DAVE CAMPBELL**
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Mike Roemer / AP

**A few fans watch in Lambeau Field during the first half of an game between the Green Bay Packers and the Tennessee Titans on Dec. 2.**

For the eight NFL teams guaranteed to host at least one game in the playoffs this month, the comfort of familiar surroundings sure can't hurt their quest to reach the Super Bowl.

Staying in the same time zone and avoiding airplanes and hotels ought to help players stay fresh. For the far-north teams, namely Green Bay and Buffalo, the cold, wind and potential snow could provide a timely boost against an opponent from a warmer-weather city.

Make no mistake, though: The home-field advantage that has long been part of the story of professional football all but vanished during the year of the virus. Largely empty stadiums cut off crowd noise as an energy source and strategic asset.

"It doesn't feel any different playing at home or playing away right now,: said Seattle coach Pete Carroll, whose team normally has a leg up as much as any host with the partial roof cantilevered over the seats that helps amplify the noise at what is now called Lumen Field. "It's just evened everything out."

With the win on Sunday night over a Philadelphia team offering little resistance, Washington took the NFC East title. The victory was dually decisive, giving visitors a collective 128-127-1 record for the 2020 regular season – the first winning mark since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970. Road teams were narrowly outscored 6,353-6,339, a mere two-touchdown gap.

In 2019, though the visitors managed an anomaly of a plus-36 scoring margin, home teams still went 132-123-1 for a .518 winning percentage. In 2018, according to Sportradar, the advantage for the hosts was far more clear: a .602 winning percentage and a 564-point edge.

Over the previous 10 years, home teams collected 342 more wins than the visitors and scored an average of an additional 2.19 points per game. Over the 50 seasons prior to this unprecedented 2020 scene of largely empty stadiums, the home team winning percentage was .575.

The difference was immediately noticeable. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers was able to lure Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr offside on third-and-5 late in the third quarter of the opener at Minnesota, which had enjoyed one of the NFL's most daunting environments for visiting teams.

The no-risk throw by Rodgers after the yellow flag flew went for a 39-yard completion to Marquez Valdes-Scantling to set up a score and put the game away. The Vikings, after matching the best home record in the NFC over their first four years at U.S. Bank Stadium, went 3-5 there in 2020. Their young and struggling defense had no help from a crowd on those critical third downs, making Sunday afternoons that much easier for the opposing offense.

Even in road games, the defense was more exposed in the highest-scoring regular season in NFL history. In Pittsburgh on Dec. 27, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger heard the Indianapolis Colts shouting, "Slant, slant, slant!" before a first-down snap in the third quarter to warn the defensive backs of the route he might deliver the ball to.

"We should've run a slant. I almost changed the play, but I didn't because they were yelling it," Roethlisberger said.

Instead, he threw deep to Diontae Johnson for a 39-yard touchdown that cut the lead to 10 points and ignited the comeback for a 28-24 victory.

"There are absolutely times in games where you hear a defender say, 'Hey, watch this,' and you're like, 'Man, that's what we called.' Some of that is dumb luck. Some of that is maybe tendencies. We can hear stuff that they talk about," Roethlisberger said. "It is one of the most unique years when it comes to strategy, when it comes to trying to trick people. Sometimes you even are trying to do dummy signals and saying dummy things just to make things happen or to trick other teams."

# Former Irish assistant charged with voyeurism, assault

SOUTH BEND (AP) — A former Notre Dame men's basketball assistant coach has been charged with three counts of voyeurism and one count of domestic battery.

The charges filed Tuesday stem from Ryan Ayers' relationships with two women over a four-year span in which he allegedly recorded them naked or while having sex without their consent. He also is accused of hitting one of the women in the face during a fight in his car in July.

Charging documents say the St. Joseph County Cyber Crimes Unit recovered from Ayers' cellphone "various images of naked women where they seem to be unaware that a photo was being taken of them. These images include the women in the shower, sleeping on a bed, or in a sexual position."

Two of the voyeurism charges against Ayers are felonies, while the third voyeurism count and the domestic battery count are misdemeanors. A warrant for Ayers' arrest was issued Tuesday.

Attorney Peter J. Agostino issued a statement on behalf of Ayers saying, "Ryan denies the allegations. His defense team is coming together and will vigorously defend him. Ryan looks forward to clearing his name of these false charges."

Notre Dame announced in September that Ayers had left the men's basketball program after four seasons on the staff.

## PRIME TIME TV

**THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 7**

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
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| ABC (7)(13)(41)(57) | Wheel of Fortune | Celebrity Wheel of Fortune | | The Chase Three competitors face off. | | The Hustler (N) CC (DVS) | |
| CBS (2)(3)(22) | Ent. Tonight | Young Sheldon | :31 B Positive | :01 Mom (N) CC | The Unicorn (N) | Star Trek: Discovery "The Wolf Inside" (N) | |
| NBC (5)(8)(16) | Ac. Hollywood | Mr. Mayor "Pilot" | Mr. Mayor (N) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) | | Dateline NBC (N) CC | |
| FOX (17)(222)(28)(32) | Modern Family | Hell's Kitchen "Welcome to Vegas" | | Call Me Kat (N) | Last Man Standing | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC | |
| PBS (34) | Radar-Michigan | Frankie Drake Mysteries CC (DVS) | | Father Brown "The Crimson Feather" | | Secrets of Scotland Yard CC | |
| CW (25) | Big Bang Theory | iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2 Highlights of the annual event. CC | | | | News | Seinfeld CC |
| MNT (50) | Family Feud | Dateline "Final Curtain" CC | | Dateline A detective tries to find a link. | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC | |
| WCIU (26) | Mike & Molly | iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2 Highlights of the annual event. CC | | | | The Drew Barrymore Show (N) CC | |
| WHME (46) | :00 Heartland | Heartland Amy trains Spartan. CC | | Highway to Heaven CC | | Nightly News | |
| WGN (9) | News | black-ish CC | black-ish CC | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC | |
| A&E | :00 The First 48 | The First 48 Presents Critical | | The First 48 "Truly Lost" (N) CC | | :01 Killer Cases (N) CC | |
| AMC | Shawshank | ★★★ G.I. Jane ('97) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen. A female Navy SEALs recruit completes rigorous training. CC | | | | | |
| Animal | Gold | Gold Rush CC | | Gold Rush | | Gold Rush CC | |
| BET | :00 ★ Traffik ('18) Paula Patton. CC | | | | We Belong Together ('18) | | |
| Big Ten | Women's College Basketball | | | College Basketball Illinois at Northwestern. | | | |
| Bravo | Southern Charm | Southern Charm CC | | Southern Charm (N) CC | | Watch What | Southern Charm |
| Cartoon | Teen | Burgers | Burgers | American | American | Rick | Rick |
| Cinemax | ★ Snake Eyes ('98) | ★ Equilibrium ('02, Science Fiction) Christian Bale, Emily Watson. CC | | | | 9:50 ★★ Pandorum ('09) CC | |
| CMT | Last Man | ★ Dirty Grandpa ('16) Robert De Niro. CC | | | | | RV |
| CNBC | S. Smith | Shark Tank CC | | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | |
| CNN | OutFront | Anderson Cooper | | Cuomo Prime Time | | CNN Tonight | |
| Comedy | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office |
| Discovery | 6:00 BattleBots | BattleBots "Sin City Slasher" Witch Doctor faces off against Kraken. (N) CC | | | | :06 BattleBots "Return of the Bots" | |
| Disney | Raven | Jessie | Jessie | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | Big City | Bunk'd |
| DIY | Tree | Flea | Flea | Flea | Flea | Flea | Flea |
| E! | Chrisley | Total Bellas CC | | Total Bellas (N) | | Miz & | Total |
| ESPN | College Football | | Women's College Basketball | | | | Basket |
| ESPN2 | College Basketball | | | College Basketball USC at Arizona. (N) | | | |
| ESPNC | Football | College Football | | | | College Football | |
| Food | Beat Flay | Beat Flay | Beat Flay | Restaurant: Impossible (N) CC | | | |
| Fox News | The Story | Tucker Carlson | | Hannity (N) CC | | The Ingraham Angle | |
| Fox Sports | Roasting | Red Wings Classics Game 4. | | | | | Lions |
| Freefrm | :00 ★★ Step Brothers ('08, Comedy) Will Ferrell. CC | | | ★ The Waterboy ('98, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. CC | | | |
| FX | :00 ★★★ Furious 7 ('15) Vin Diesel. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. CC | | | | | ★★★ Furious 7 ('15) Vin Diesel. | |
| Golf | PGA Golf | | | | | Golf Central (N) | |
| Hallmark | Just My Type ('20) | A Winter Princess ('19, Romance) Natalie Hall, Chris McNally, Lara Gilchrist. CC | | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls |
| HBO | Hobbs & Shaw | The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart ('20) Barry Gibb. CC | | | | Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back ('01) | |
| History | Swamp | Swamp People: Ser | | Swamp People: Ser | | :03 Mountain Men | |
| HGTV | Flip | Flip.-America | | Flip | Flip | Hunters | Hunt Intl |
| Learning | Dr. Pim | Dr. Pimple Popper | | Dr. Pimple Popper | | Dr. Pimple Popper | |
| Lifetime | Rizzoli & Isles | ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort. CC | | | | | |
| MSNBC | ReidOut | All In With | | Rachel Maddow | | The Last Word | |
| MTV | Jersey | Jersey Shore | | Revenge | Revenge | Ridic. | Ridic. |
| NBCSCH | Immortals | Alpine Skiing | | | Alpine Skiing | | |
| NFL | NFL Total | NFL Football Teams TBA. CC | | | | | |
| Nick | Substitute | ★★★ Apollo 13 ('95) Tom Hanks. (P). CC | | | | | |
| NGEO | Life Be | Life Below Zero | | Life Below Zero (N) | | Life Below Zero (N) | |
| Oxygen | Dateline: Secrets | Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Mystery on the Mississippi - parts 1 & 2" (N) | | | | The Jane Doe Murders CC | |
| Parmt | Fast and Furious-Drift | | | :15 ★★ Fast & Furious ('09) CC | | | |
| Showtime | :00 ★★★ Hustlers ('19) Constance Wu, Julia Stiles. CC | | | ★★★ Dark Waters ('19, Drama) Mark Ruffalo, Anne Hathaway. CC | | | |
| Starz | Lara Croft Tmb | In The Long Run | :27 ★★ Black and Blue ('19, Suspense) Naomie Harris, Tyrese Gibson. CC | | | | ★★ Alpha Dog |
| STZENC | Ghost Rider: Spirit | American Gods CC | | 8:57 American Gods "Moon Shadow" | | 9:51 ★★★ Panic Room ('02) | |
| SyFy | 6:30 ★ Robin Hood ('18) Taron Egerton, Jamie Foxx. CC | | | ★ Ouija ('14, Horror) Olivia Cooke, Daren Kagasoff, Douglas Smith. CC (DVS) | | | |
| TBS | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Go-Big Show (N) CC | | Go-Big Show CC | |
| TCM | MGM Parade | ★★★ The Smiling Lieutenant ('31) Maurice Chevalier, Claudette Colbert. CC | | | | ★★★ Trouble in Paradise ('32) CC | |
| TMC | A Dog's Journey | ★★★ Grease ('78, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. CC | | | | ★★ Grease 2 ('82) CC | |
| TNT | NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Brooklyn Nets. | | | | | NBA Basketball | |
| Travel | Ghost | Ghost Adventures "Roaming the Corridors" | | | | Ghost Adventures | |
| TV Land | Andy G. | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond |
| USA | Law & Order: SVU | ★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins. CC (DVS) | | | | | Transformers |
| VH1 | :00 ★★★ Drumline ('02) CC | | | | Love Don't Cost a Thing | | |
| WGN-A | Last Man Standing | NewsNation (N) (L) CC | | NewsNation (N) (L) CC | | NewsNation (N) (L) CC | |

# Mom is pressured to teach native language to daughter

**Jeanne Phillips**
Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I came to this country 30 years ago, at 16. My parents were very abusive and neglectful, so my uncle in the U.S. took me in. I have worked with therapists, and my mind is clear about my past.

I now have a 14-year-old daughter. I do not speak to her in my native language. It is not very good at expressing love and caring, and has more emphasis on strict hierarchy and obedience.

There are many things I cannot convey in my native language. One must understand the huge cultural difference between my native country and the U.S. In addition, I do not want to force my daughter to learn something because someone other than her insisted. I prefer to spend my resources helping her learn something she is interested in.

If she says she wants to learn my native language, I'll teach her. So far, she has shown no interest. My friends criticize me for not teaching it to her. I'm bothered by their insistence that I'm robbing my daughter of the opportunity to learn it. How do I tell them it is none of their business? – Reader In Hawaii

**DEAR READER:** Your daughter may not have asked to learn your native language because it hasn't occurred to her that it might one day be a valuable asset. I do think you should offer to teach it to her if she's interested in knowing more about the culture that shaped her mother, because her answer might surprise you.

That said, because your friends' comments bother you, tell them that because you don't tell them how to raise their children, you prefer they not tell you how to raise yours.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a unique problem, and if it isn't resolved, I'm afraid my marriage is going to end in divorce. Ten years ago, at my brother-in-law's wedding, I was left in charge of the bar. I got drunk and made a fool of myself. This included overtly flirting with one of the bridesmaids. I'm incredibly sorry about the embarrassment it caused my wife.

Fast-forward to today: My wife has accused me of inappropriate behavior and hundreds of affairs that never happened. I have been faithful to her since we started dating. She goes through my business phone and accuses me and my professional contacts of sexual behavior. I have offered to take a polygraph exam, but she continues to accuse me of infidelity. I'm at my wits' end, and marriage counseling isn't an option. – Not Fooling Around In Maine

**DEAR NOT FOOLING:** Marriage counseling may not be an option for you and your wife, but YOU should definitely consult a licensed psychotherapist. Something is not right with your wife. Is it possible that the wedding incident so severely unbalanced her that she has never recovered?

What you have described is a miserable existence for both of you. That it has gone unresolved for a decade is tragic. Where you need to go from here I cannot decide for you, but a therapist may be able to guide you.

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# Kids know their dad has cancer but he doesn't know they know

**Carolyn Hax**

**DEAR CAROLYN:** I found out my 84-year-old father has cancer. I found out from my sister, who found out from his wife, but both communications were "in secret."

My father hasn't told either my sister or me directly. I would like to be able to communicate with him about this, but am not sure how to bring it up.

I think his failure to tell us could in part be his own selfishness/insensitivity – he also failed to tell us when he remarried – but also because he doesn't want to "burden" us.

To the extent it's the latter, it seems like I should be able to tell him that isn't a problem, but to the extent it's for his own personal reasons, I guess it's his choice? – In Secret

**DEAR IN SECRET:** It is, though it's one that affects you and others, clearly.

Seems to me the most respectful plan is to accept his decision and drop the subject.

The respect-meets-honesty plan is to go back through the source, and ask his wife to nudge him to tell his kids, at least.

If she says no, or if she does it and he says no, then think of this as a gift you can give your father: You play along, and you let him think he's protecting you from all this.

Or, if he's just thoughtless, you play along and let him think he's getting one by all of you.

The it's-his-life-to-manage truth is at its most urgent at the end of life, isn't it? And even if he beats the cancer, 84 still gives him every right to yell you all off his lawn.

**REGARDING SECRET:** Yesterday marked the two-year anniversary of my father's death. He, too, had cancer and told absolutely no one, nor sought treatment.

We only found out when he collapsed and wound up in the hospital, literally on his death bed with just days to live. They never even found out what kind of cancer.

This left his affairs in a mess: No one knew where the will was; there were no plans for my 90-plus-year-old mother, who was destroyed by his death; there was no chance to put grievances right; no nothing.

I wish I could end with good advice – I am still stupefied that he let this happen. At least you know it in advance, and won't be surprised to find out in his last hours. – Stupefied

**DEAR STUPEFIED:** I'm sorry. There is no advice here, except to potential secret-keepers: Don't.

**REGARDING SECRET:** I went through this with my own father more than 20 years ago.

At 88, he had lived with cancer for at least five years (that I know of), had several cancer surgeries and still refused to acknowledge what the problem was. At most, he very occasionally referenced what to do "if anything ever happens to me."

The day he died, our very last conversation was who he was supporting in that year's World Series; he was dead three hours later, during my two-hour drive back home from his city.

But that was the way he wanted to handle it, and so my sisters and I let him. I've always thought of it as the last gift we could give him. – Anonymous

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## CROSSWORD

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22 Time long past
23 Filberts and pecans
25 Dazzle
28 Oak-to-be
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31 Garden tool
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33 Eggs, in biology
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37 Conniving
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40 Propagated
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43 Type of parrot
46 Cheap lodging
48 Horse-drawn cab
50 Principles
54 Late bloomer
55 Small land mass
56 Robin domiciles
57 Topic of discussion

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14 Like a dime
15 Layered rock
17 Hero-worships
19 The "f" in f-stop
20 Socrates' forte
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24 Spade of whodunits
25 Emulate a dervish
26 Percolated
27 Unwanted plant
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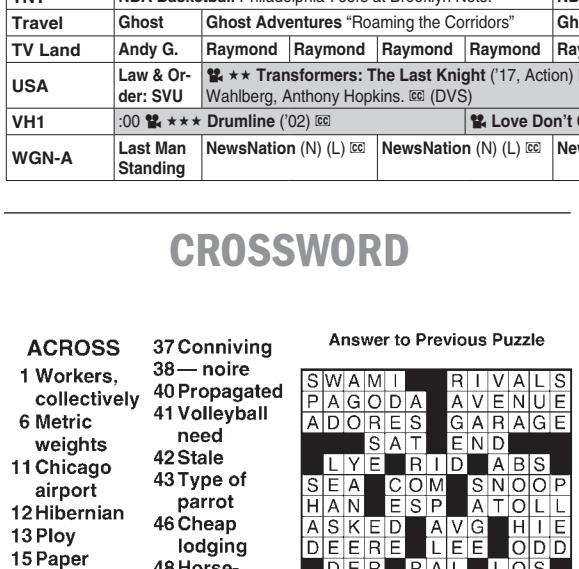

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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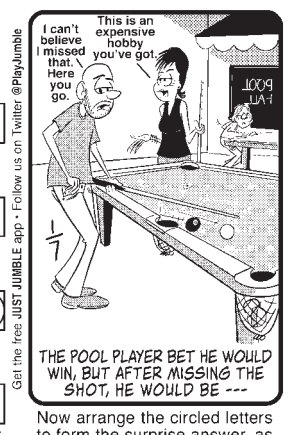
I can't believe I missed that. Here you go.
This is an expensive hobby you've got.
THE POOL PLAYER BET HE WOULD WIN, BUT AFTER MISSING THE SHOT, HE WOULD BE ---

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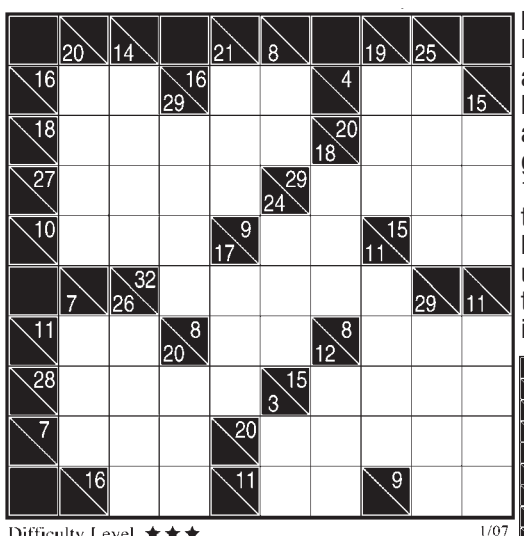
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

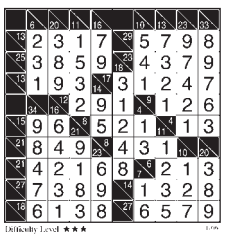
Yesterday's Jumbles: DIRTY MOTTO SNEEZE PILLAR
Answer: Why can a small Pepsi sound like a U.S. state? Because it's a — "MINI-SODA"

## KAKURO



**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/07



## BRIDGE

Mark Twain said, "There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice."

Bridge, though, is not a game for cowards. In today's deal, there is a tempting play that declarer must bravely avoid. What is it?

After a straightforward transfer auction, South is in two spades. West leads the heart ace, cashes the heart king and shifts to a trump. After drawing trumps in two rounds, how should South continue?

Transfers into the majors are such a good idea. In particular, they allow responder to show a game-going two-suiter below three no-trump. The only drawback is that they give the opponents more options. In this deal, if East had good hearts, he could double two hearts. (Transfers into the minors occur much less often because you need at least a six-card suit. Also, the follow-ups are more complicated. Only use them if you play with a regular partner whose memory is nearly as good as yours!)

There is a temptation to take the diamond finesse, hoping to get eight tricks via five spades and three diamonds. But that puts the contract in jeopardy. If the finesse loses, a diamond back will force you to win a club trick, which is unlikely. (The best approach is to lead the jack from the board, hoping that East does not cover when he has one honor.)

North 01-07-21
♠ J 8 5 4 3
♥ 8 3
♦ K J 6
♣ J 8 2

West
♠ 10 2
♥ A K Q 9
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K 9 7 3

East
♠ 9 7
♥ 10 7 6 4
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ A 10 5

South
♠ A K Q 6
♥ J 5 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q 6 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1NT | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♥ A

Much better is to ruff the heart jack on the board, then to play three rounds of diamonds. Whichever defender has the diamond queen will be endplayed. He will have either to lead a club or to concede a ruff-and-sluff.

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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| 6 | | | | 9 | 5 | | | 2 |
| | 2 | 5 | | 6 | 7 | | | 3 |
| | | 3 | | | 6 | | 7 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | 8 | | 2 | | | 6 | | |
| 1 | | | 6 | 2 | | 8 | 5 | |
| 4 | | | 5 | 3 | | | | 1 |
| | | | | 8 | | 4 | | |

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 4 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| 1 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| 6 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 6 |

## BEETLE BAILEY

DO YOU WANT ME TO RUN AN ERRAND FOR YOU, SARGE?
NOT RIGHT NOW, ZERO
GREG + MORT WALKER
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OKAY, I'LL JUST WARM UP UNTIL THEN
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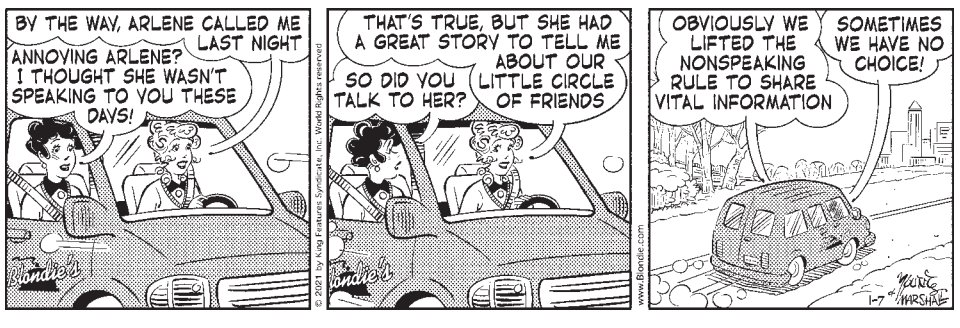
## BLONDIE


BY THE WAY, ARLENE CALLED ME LAST NIGHT
ANNOYING ARLENE? I THOUGHT SHE WASN'T SPEAKING TO YOU THESE DAYS!
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THAT'S TRUE, BUT SHE HAD A GREAT STORY TO TELL ME ABOUT OUR LITTLE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
SO DID YOU TALK TO HER?
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OBVIOUSLY WE LIFTED THE NONSPEAKING RULE TO SHARE VITAL INFORMATION
SOMETIMES WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
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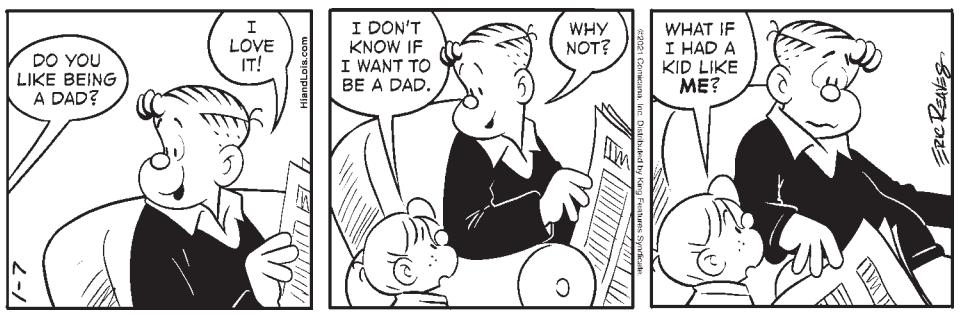
## HI & LOIS


DO YOU LIKE BEING A DAD?
I LOVE IT!
HIandLois.com
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I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO BE A DAD.
WHY NOT?
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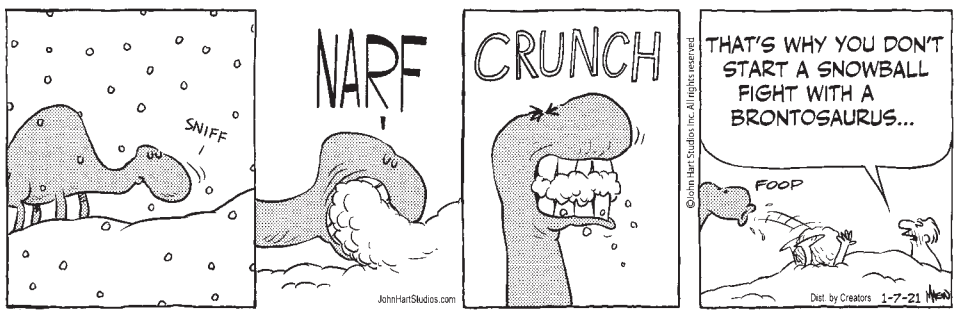
WHAT IF I HAD A KID LIKE ME?
ERIC REYNOLDS

## BC

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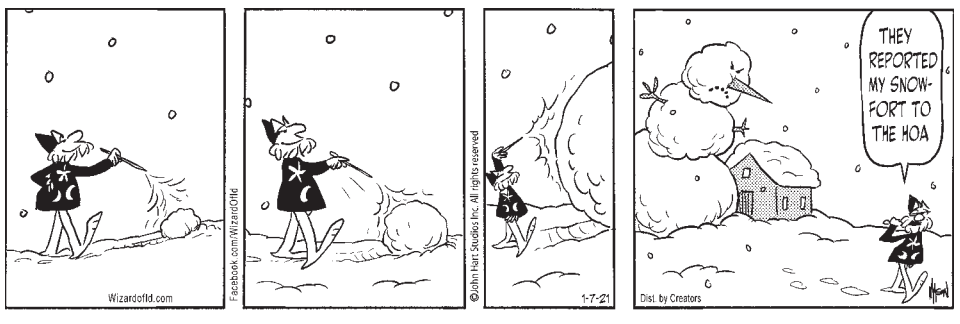


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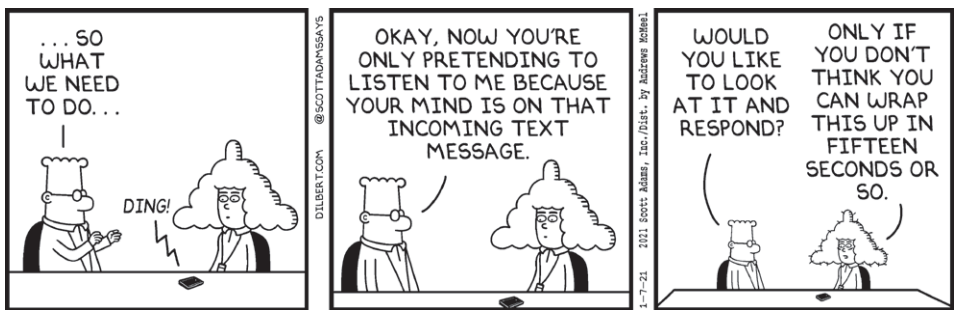
. . . SO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. . .
DING!
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
OKAY, NOW YOU'RE ONLY PRETENDING TO LISTEN TO ME BECAUSE YOUR MIND IS ON THAT INCOMING TEXT MESSAGE.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AT IT AND RESPOND?
ONLY IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN WRAP THIS UP IN FIFTEEN SECONDS OR SO.
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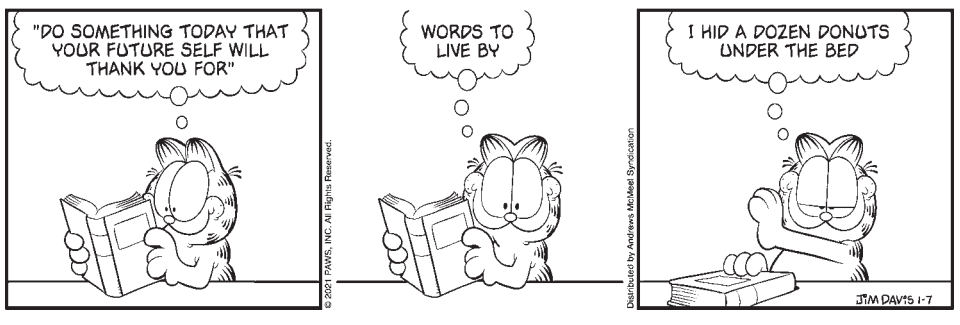
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WORDS TO LIVE BY
I HID A DOZEN DONUTS UNDER THE BED
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JIM DAVIS 1-7

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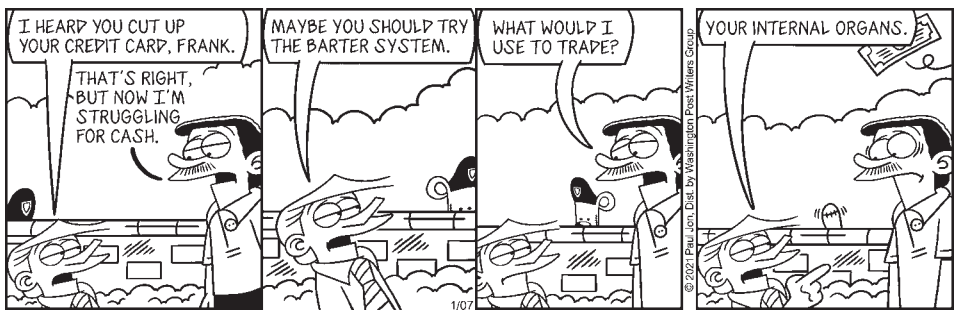
I HEARD YOU CUT UP YOUR CREDIT CARD, FRANK.
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT NOW I'M STRUGGLING FOR CASH.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY THE BARTER SYSTEM.
WHAT WOULD I USE TO TRADE?
YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS.
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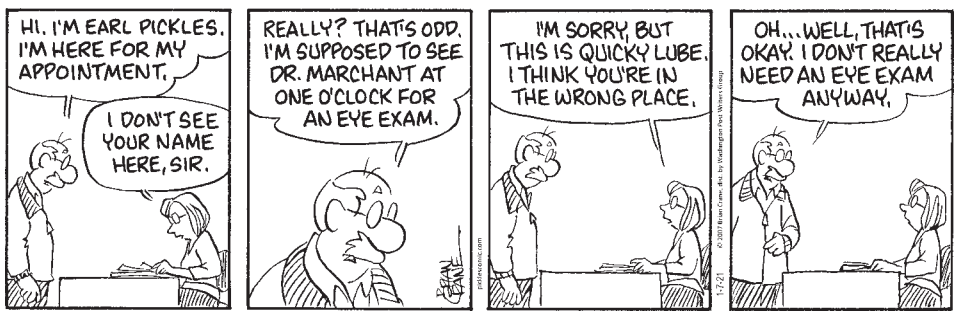
## PICKLES


HI. I'M EARL PICKLES. I'M HERE FOR MY APPOINTMENT.
I DON'T SEE YOUR NAME HERE, SIR.
REALLY? THAT'S ODD. I'M SUPPOSED TO SEE DR. MARCHANT AT ONE O'CLOCK FOR AN EYE EXAM.
I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS QUICKY LUBE. I THINK YOU'RE IN THE WRONG PLACE.
OH...WELL, THAT'S OKAY. I DON'T REALLY NEED AN EYE EXAM ANYWAY.
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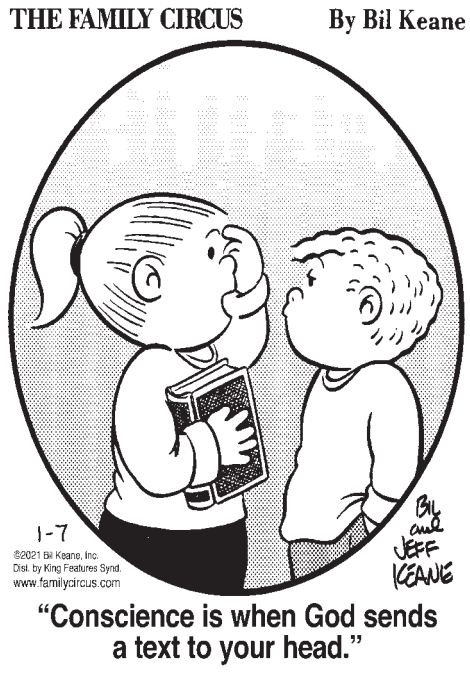
## FAMILY CIRCUS




## DENNIS THE MENACE

## BABY BLUES

BEHOLD! YOUR EMPIRE!
AACK!
babyblues.com
I'M THE QUEEN OF LAUNDRY, SO I HAVE TO DO ALL OF THAT ALONE??
OF COURSE NOT, YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU'LL HAVE HELP FROM YOUR FAMILY.
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MY FAMILY IS HERE, TOO?
PRESENTING THE ROYAL PAIN IN THE BUTT.
HI, MOM.

## CURTIS

THANKS FOR THE STORYBOOK FOR KWANZAA, MOM
THE LESSON I GOT FROM IT WAS TO BE COMFORTABLE IN MY OWN SKIN
SAPPER PUFFS
A GOOD GIFT IS ALWAYS SOMETHING I CAN LEARN FROM...
ANOTHER GOOD GIFT IS CASH!
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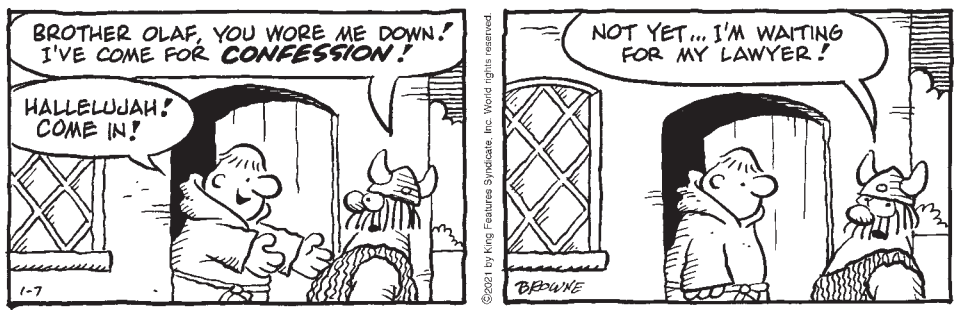
## ZITS

DUDE! YOUR DAD IS BLOWING UP ON TIKTOK!
RIGHT?
PEOPLE ARE BEGGING FOR MORE "AWKWARD DAD DANCE" VIDEOS!
2fitcomics.com
THAT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO MARGARITAS AND A WEDDING RECEPTION.
IF ONLY WE COULD GATHER!

## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


BROTHER OLAF, YOU WORE ME DOWN! I'VE COME FOR CONFESSION!
HALLELUJAH! COME IN!
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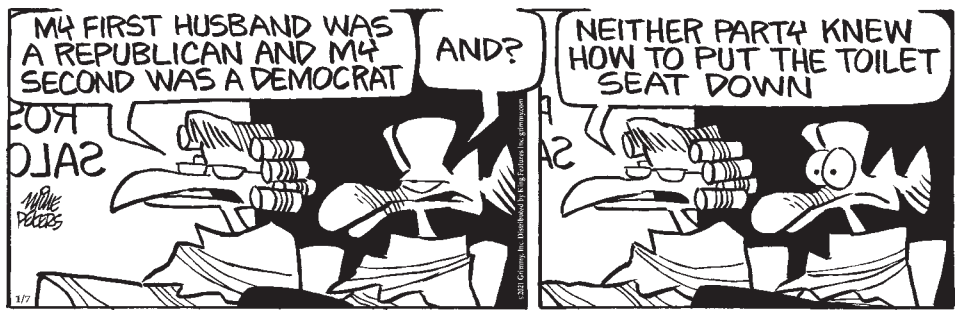
NOT YET... I'M WAITING FOR MY LAWYER!
BROWNE

## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


MY FIRST HUSBAND WAS A REPUBLICAN AND MY SECOND WAS A DEMOCRAT
AND?
NEITHER PARTY KNEW HOW TO PUT THE TOILET SEAT DOWN
MIKE PETERS
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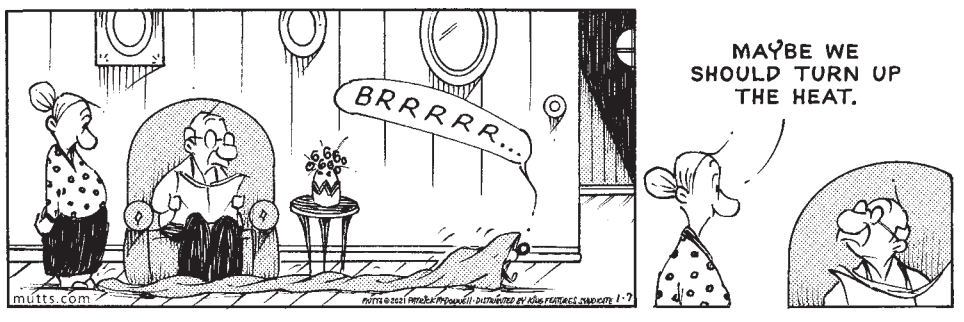
## MUTTS


BRRRRR...
MAYBE WE SHOULD TURN UP THE HEAT.
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## SALLY FORTH

STILL SNOWING?
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YOU KNOW, I SEE IT'S STILL SNOWING. I KNOW IT'S STILL SNOWING. AND YET MY BRAIN SAID, "GO AHEAD. ASK IF IT'S STILL SNOWING."
SO YOU DON'T NEED ME TO ANSWER, THEN?
KEEFE

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THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

Included in this Saturday's edition

Parade
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the Stories behind the Songs
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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Mccoy Brother's will reopen at that time, for the final run, of about one year.

**TO ALL ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Trustees has set a public hearing for an electronic meeting via ZOOM (P.A. 254 of 2020) to discuss DNR Trust Fund Grant Applications for "Carronde Park – Tennis Court Refurbish Project" and "Kedzie Park Playground Project".**

**DATE:** Monday, February 1, 2021
**TIME:** 6:05 p.m. at the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

**Reason for Electronic Meeting**: State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order

**Public Participation Procedures:** The public may join this meeting through Zoom, an electronic meeting platform, on any device that will connect to the internet i.e., smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop. In order to hear and be heard the device must be equipped with a speaker and microphone. Public participants will be asked to mute audio during the meeting except during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. At that time, a member of the public may speak when addressed by the Supervisor. Public participants are encouraged to speak one at a time in a clear manner. A public invitation will be posted on the Township website main page www.sjct.org as shown below:

**Topic: St. Joseph Charter Township February 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**
**Time: Feb 1, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**
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This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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St. Joseph, MI 49085
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN**

**FILE NO. 2020-0682-DE-R**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Darnell DeWayne Johnson, Deceased
Date of Birth: May 28, 1992

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Darnell DeWayne Johnson II, died July 22, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stacey Johnson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Courthouse, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph MI 49085, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12/28/2020

Howard T. Linden. P.C.
Attorney:
Howard T. Linden
P25438
29100 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 370
Southfield, MI 48034
248-358-4545

Personal Representative:
Stacey Johnson
299 Bradford Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
269-363-2876

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF ST. JOSEPH Lawn Fertilization and Weed Control**

Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 2, 2021 by the City of St. Joseph, at the City Clerk's Office; 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Proposals will be opened on February 2, 2021 at 3:05pm in the City Commission Chambers. If City Hall remains closed to the public at that time due to COVID-19 restrictions, bid opening may be attended remotely by means of electronic communications using ZOOM. Instructions for attending by ZOOM will be posted on the City's webpage at sjcity.com. Bids are being solicited from responsible and established bidders known to be experienced and regularly engaged in lawn fertilization work. Specific details are provided in the Request for Proposal (RFP). RFP's can be downloaded from the City of St. Joseph website (www.sjcity.com) or one can be picked up from City Hall.
All bids must be submitted in duplicate and in accordance with the bid form included in the bid documents, which may be obtained from the St. Joseph City Clerk's Office.
The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any formalities in bidding and/or to accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.
Denise Westfall
St. Joseph City Clerk

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**Third Grade Teacher**

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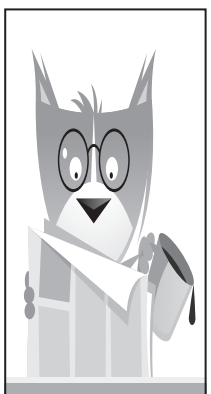

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## HOROSCOPE

**By EUGENIA LAST**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

Consider what's going on around you, and be smart about the way you handle risky situations. The time to sit tight, take care of details and be diligent regarding how you deal with others is now. Uncertainty is a signal not to get involved in other people's business or personal ventures. Be safe and smart.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An emotional situation regarding a friend, relative or peer will leave you in a vulnerable position. Be careful how you handle your financial, health or legal matters.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Emotional spending will leave you in a vulnerable financial position. Reconnecting with someone special will bring back a lot of memories. Devote more attention to your health and appearance.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Take control of situations quickly, before someone steps in. Use your insight to tap into what's trending, and you will figure out a way to bring in more cash.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Uncertainty will prevail regarding your relationship with someone who can influence your chance to advance. Diplomacy and charm will work wonders. Don't be manipulative or sly.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Put more time and effort into meaningful relationships. Whether you are dealing with a romantic partner, friend, relative or colleague, how you treat others will determine what you will get in return.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Be careful what you reveal about your personal life. Someone will be eager to use sensitive information to make you look bad. Be a good listener and ask questions. Focus on a healthy lifestyle.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Take more time to sort through documents. An investment, contract or medical issue will require immediate attention. Someone you have helped will return the favor.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Concentrate on personal improvements and getting ahead professionally. Set up virtual interviews or meetings that will allow you to present what you have to offer. Control your emotions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Keep an open mind; learn from an expert. Stick to a tight budget, and don't be indulgent. A romantic situation will have ulterior motives attached.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Think matters through, then make necessary changes. Make adjustments at home that encourage you to pursue something lucrative or save money. Avoid joint ventures and imprudent spending.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Someone will reveal a secret. Refuse to let your emotions take charge. Listen carefully, and use insight to help navigate your way through troubled times. Take charge.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Money matters will cause friction with a friend. Avoid getting into a joint venture with someone who talks big but offers little. Gather information. Romance is featured.

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## IN BRIEF

### Forum series to discuss local hwys.

NEW BUFFALO — The history of the Iron Brigade (U.S. Highway 12) and Red Arrow Highway will be the topic of the Friends of New Buffalo Library's next public forum presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The presentation will be via Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/88185611773.

The Iron Brigade's bravery and tenacity during the Civil War earned it its nickname. The Red Arrow Division distinguished itself in World War I, and took its nickname from its ability to pierce German lines.

In this video presentation, military historian John Urschel, of Michigan Boys in Blue, will tell the story of these two units through biographical portraits of their leaders.

He will be on hand during the program to answer questions.

The Friends also are planning a Zoom presentation on Feb. 16 featuring Historical Society of Michigan's Bob Myers, who will quiz the audience on history myths.

For more information, call New Buffalo Township Library at 469-2933, or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com.

### Divers ring in the new year underwater

NILES — About an hour before 2021 began, several members of the Michigan Underwater Divers Club and friends (observing social distancing practices) began their pre-dive rituals in preparation for celebrating the changing of the year in their usual way: by entering the water.

This year's dive was again in the St. Joseph River off Riverview Park in Niles. With only a little snow, ice on the walkways and along the shore, no wind and an air temperature of about 19 degrees, it was almost balmy, the group said in a news release.

The divers had a bit of a challenging dive as the river was much lower than last year, so they had to walk to deeper water without fins. The current was slow, but the visibility was reportedly like diving in pea soup.

Shore support was provided by Jake Thar of Niles and Karen Mann of Bangor.

Five divers hit the water: Mary Beth Thar of Niles, Larry Steelman of Niles, Kevin Ailes of Bangor, Amy Ailes of Bangor and Don McAlhany of St. Joseph.

Those interested in scuba diving can find the Michigan Underwater Divers Club on Facebook.

Due to COVID-19, its monthly meetings are currently on hold.

### Toastmasters prep for speech contest

The Twin City Toastmasters Club will host its annual speech contest at 7 p.m. Jan. 26.

This year's contest, however, will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Toastmasters is a nonprofit organization that encourages people to become better leaders and public speakers. Twin City Toastmasters is a local chapter that meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

For more information, email officers-1410@toastmastersclubs.org or visit twincity.toastmastersclubs.org.

### Library hosts 'Animals Around the World'

BRIDGMAN — At 11 a.m. Saturday, Bridgman Public Library will host Potawatomi Zoo for an online presentation, "Animals Around the World."

The link to the Zoom get-together will be available online at bridgmanlibrary.com on Friday.

Attendees will meet animals from different continents, and learn about their habitats during the live presentation.

For more information about the zoo, visit www.potawatomizoo.org.

To contact the library, call 465-3663.

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Bangor Police Officer Dillon Schmitt, at left, stands with Pure Michigan Growers Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Smith, second from left, and The Green Door General Manager Max Franklin, at right, while they present $250 and $500 checks to We Care Inc. Office Manager Debbie McPike.

## The Green Door and Pure Michigan Growers donate to We Care Inc.

BANGOR — Last month, The Green Door and Pure Michigan Growers presented $750 in checks to Bangor's We Care Inc.

We Care provides services that help the elderly, disabled and those in need maintain independence and improve quality of life.

Some of the essential items it provides are: food, toiletries, blankets and cleaning supplies. They also assist in connecting people to local pantries.

The Green Door Owner Mark Smith, who is also CEO of Pure Michigan Growers, said the donations were made to support the community and help those who need it most, according to a news release.

"We have always given back to the community," Smith said. "It's what we pride ourselves on, and people need help now, more than ever."

According to Office Manager Debbie McPike, We Care has many holiday programs at the end of the year for those in need.

"Things are different this year, but we're here," she said, "and we always need as much help as we can get this time of year so this is very much appreciated."

Those interested in volunteering, or donating, can visit www.wecare-inc.org.

## SHAES CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

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South Haven Area Emergency Services reached 25 years of service on Jan. 1. To mark the occasion, retired Chief Randy Van Wynen, at left, seen here with Chief Brandon Hinz, handcrafted a wooden, large-scale replica of the SHAES logo. It was hung in the Blue Star Station. Van Wynen was chief during the transition from separate South Haven and Casco Township fire departments to SHAES, which provides the City of South Haven and townships of Casco, Geneva and South Haven with fire and emergency medical services from three stations.

## 1,000 more food boxes go to those in need

NEW BUFFALO — Last month, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds Casinos donated 1,000 food boxes to those in need during this holiday season.

Distribution was handled by the Food Bank of Northern Indiana through the St. Joseph County Pantry.

Each Christmas box included a frozen ham, corn, potatoes, cranberry jelly and an apple pie, according to a news release. The Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos also donated 1,000 food boxes in November for Thanksgiving.

"2020 has been especially challenging for us all, and the Pokagon Band and our Four Winds Casinos employees are very proud to be able to donate Christmas food boxes once again this year," Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority, said in the release. "Now more than ever, we must find ways to support each other and help those in need.

"As with our donation of Thanksgiving food boxes," he said, "we hope these Christmas food boxes will provide a source of comfort and relief for many individuals and families during the holiday season. We'd also like to convey a heartfelt Migwetth (thank you) to Marijo Martinec and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana as well as the St. Joseph County Pantry, for making the distribution of these food boxes possible."

"We are humbled by the commitment of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds Casinos on their partnership with the Food Bank to annually provide holiday meal boxes to people in need," said Marijo Martinec, executive director/CEO of the Food Bank.

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana works with the community to feed the hungry, increase awareness of the effects of hunger, and lead programs designed to alleviate hunger.

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Pokagon Band citizens and Four Winds Casino employees worked together to pack 1,000 Christmas boxes last month.

## 2 HONORED FOR HELP AT CRASH SITE

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Last month, Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey, at center, presented certificates of appreciation to civilians Jeffery Robinson and Douglas Disterheft. The certificates were for their actions on Aug. 21, when they entered murky water in Pipestone Township after a vehicle had crashed into a swampy area. First on the scene, they discovered no one was inside the vehicle, reducing risk to first responders.